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GIFT ENTERPRISE.

LIBRARY GIFT CONCERT.

$500,000 in Bank to Pay Gifts.

10,000 CASH GIFTS PAID IN FULL.

$100,000 for Only Ten Dollars.

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Total, 10,000 Gifts, all Cash,		$500,000

The money to pay all these gifts in full is now upon deposit in the Farmers' and Drovers' Bank of Louisville, and is held for that purpose, and can only be used for that purpose, as will be seen by the following certificate of the Cashier:

OFFICE OF FARMERS' AND DROVERS' BANK, }
LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 7, 1873. }

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The party, therefore, who holds the ticket drawing the capital gift will get $100,000 in greenbacks, and so of the $50,000, the $25,000, the $10,000, the $5,000, the $1,000, the $500, the $300, the $200, the $100, and all the other gifts, 10,000 in number, amounting in the aggregate to $500,000.

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The music on this grand occasion will be the best that can be procured, and the gentlemen who count and place the large list of gifts in wheels will be superintend the drawing and keep the record of the drawn numbers, which will be shown from the last known and most trustworthy authority in the State. All who are interested can have perfect guaranty against complaint from any fair source. Absent ticket-holders will find their interests as effectually protected as they would be personally present at the drawing.

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MEETINGS.

Masonic.

Regular convocation of Union Park Chapter, No. 148, R. A. M., at their hall, corner Madison and Robey-sts., this (Thursday) evening, for business and work.

W. H. THWING, M. E. High Priest.

Masonic.

Washington Lodge, No. 162, meets this (Thursday) evening, at 7½ o'clock, in Odeon Hall, 128 LaSalle-st., for work on the F. C. Degree. Visiting brethren cordially invited. By order of the W. M.

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GENERAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

The CHICAGO SPRING WORKS will occupy, by 1st of June next, the new buildings now being erected for the purpose at 442 West Lake-st.

The Removal will cause but little delay in the delivery of orders on hand, for which we will use the facilities of our present premises. Our office, until further notice, will be at the old stand 328 South Clinton-st.

F. M. ATKINSON,
President and Superintendent.

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COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

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WILLIAM LOFT has this day sold out his interest in, and has withdrawn from, the firm of LOFT, BURNHAM & CO., in the Printing Ink and Roller Business, corner of Throop and Twenty-second-sts.; and is succeeded by WILLIAM STEVENS.

Hereafter the business will be carried on in the firm name of WILCE, STEVENS & CO.

Chicago, May 14, 1873.

EDWIN F. WILCE,
WILLIAM STEVENS,
JOHN BURNHAM,
WILLIAM LOFT, Retiring Partner.

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Railroad Officials.

A gentleman who has had several years' practical experience in a railway office, desires a situation in a railroad, freight, or ticket office; is a rapid penman, an accomplished correspondent, and fully understands the methods of all the railroad offices and agencies; can give good references, and file bonds, if necessary; would prefer a situation in this city, but have no serious objection to going out of the city. Any railroad official wishing to employ the services of a responsible and capable man, will please address at once, O. C. NEAL, Chicago, Ill.

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS.

OFFICE OF

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific

RAILROAD COMPANY.

April 25, 1873.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company, for the election of Directors, pursuant to law, and the transaction of such other business as may come before them, will be held at the office of the Company in the City of Chicago, on Wednesday, the 6th day of August, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN F. TRACY, Secretary.

P. H. TOWS, Secretary.

Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of Chicago South Branch Dock Company, for the election of Directors of said Company, will be held at the office of said Company, on Monday, the 16th day of June, A. D. 1873, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Secretary of Chicago South Branch Dock Company.

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DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

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The partnership of F. Bartholomae & Co. was dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. J. S. Miller withdrawing from the business. The undersigned will carry on the business under the name and style of Bartholomae & Roehrig, with the resources and liabilities of the old firm.

F. BARTHOLOMAE,
R. ROEHRIG, Chicago.

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CHENEY BROTHERS,

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Particular attention will be paid to orders for any special kinds of Silk used by manufacturers, either in woven fabrics or silk in the skein or on spools.

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N. P. WILDER.

REMOVALS.

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J. S. THOMPSON & CO.,

PRINTERS,

HAVE REMOVED TO

158 & 160 South Clark-st.

REMOVAL.

The PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE and PENNSYLVANIA Railroad Companies will, on Wednesday, May 14, remove their TICKET OFFICE from 43 West Madison-st. to 65 SOUTH CLARK-ST., corner of Randolph, the OLD CORNER occupied by them previous to the Big Fire.

W. C. CLELAND,
Asst. G. P. Agt.

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OF

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CHICAGO.

THE MINE DISASTER.

Additional Details of the Nova Scotia Calamity.

Frequent and Terrific Explosions on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Stones and Debris Thrown One Hundred Feet Into the Air.

The Number Killed Now Estimated at Seventy-five.

Saddening Scenes in the Vicinity of the Mine.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

HALIFAX, May 14.—The mine at Westville is still burning fearfully. Volumes of dense smoke and flames are issuing from the slopes and shafts. No hopes are entertained of saving any more lives. There is a scarcity of water in the neighborhood, but every effort is being made by men from the Drummond Colliery, and volunteers from all other mines to dam up every available stream of water, from which trenches are being dug leading to the slopes and shafts, with the intention of letting the water into the mine. Managers of the neighboring mines are on the ground, and, with their men, are doing all that man can do. The fire company near New Glasgow with their engine are also at work trying to save the buildings on the surface, which are now threated by flames from the slopes.

At this writing the fire is still raging more fearfully than ever, and the air is filled with dense black smoke. It is a fearful calamity. The exact number of persons lost is not yet known. The scene at the mine is heartrending, with relations mourning for those lost.

The cause of the fire was an explosion of gas from a blast fired by coal-cutters in one of the boards. The fire communicated with the gas in other parts of the mine, and immediately caused the first fearful explosion, which cut off all escape from the workmen. The men had only resumed work after a strike.

LATER.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 14.—The fire at the Drummond colliery continues, but is slowly abating. All the openings are being filled up, and a stream of water has been turned into an air shaft lately worked. The list of killed, as far as known, comprises twenty-six men leaving wives and families, and twenty-two single men. The total number killed will probably reach seventy-five. The wounded number six, of whom two are fatally injured.

The men who have escaped with great difficulty from the slope report that on their way up they passed bodies of their comrades, who had probably become stupefied by smoke since the explosion.

Of the four men who volunteered to go down the shaft shortly before the second explosion, three were killed.

Several violent explosions took place last night. One was perceptibly felt four miles distant.

The inquest was commenced yesterday, and adjourned until this evening.

LATEST.

WESTVILLE, Pictou Co., N. S., May 14.—From 10 o'clock last night until daylight this morning the fire at the Drummond colliery raged with intense fury, gathering volume and violence each moment. The sky in the vicinity of the calamity was illuminated with flames issuing from the air-shaft to the height of nearly one hundred feet. All through the night there were explosions at intervals. These were preceded by a rumbling noise resembling thunder. The weary watchers who remained around the pit's mouth and air-shaft, and labored to subdue the flames were obliged to seek shelter in the adjoining wood, as the stone, debris, etc., were thrown from the pit's mouth at each explosion were being scattered around in all directions, and threatened instant destruction or injury to every one within reach. About 2 o'clock this afternoon, these explosions were followed by one which, for terrific violence and destructive force, dwarfed all the rest. All the wooden works in and around the main slope were instantly destroyed. Stones, wood and burning embers were driven high into the air, smoke, flame, and terrible noises accompanying the explosion, giving the beholder a vivid idea of a volcanic eruption. The earth for miles around was shaken with the violence of the explosion.

Laborers are now engaged in filling up the shafts with clay, and hopes are entertained that the worst danger is over, unless another explosion takes place.

The scenes in and around the villages are saddening. Westville and the villages at the Drummond colliery are in mourning. The shops are closed, and men and women wander about in groups, their saddened countenances betokening the the great grief that has befallen them. No pen can correctly picture the harrowing scenes of yesterday, when the terrible truth was conveyed to the mourning wives, sisters, and friends of those who were suddenly hurled into eternity. The utmost excitement prevailed, and for hours it was impossible to ascertain who were or who were not in the mine. Women, many of whom had husbands, brothers, and sons working in the colliery, made the air dismal with their crying. One of the rescuing party, killed by the explosion yesterday, was driven into the air a distance of a hundred feet, and fell into the wood near by, where his dead body was picked up this morning.

About forty-five of the men lost were married, all of whom leave families to mourn their sad fate. Nearly every family here loses some relation or friend by this terrible calamity.

There are many reasons to account for the disaster, but the direct cause is attributable to the stoppage of work at the mines and rapid accumulation of gas. Whether proper care and precaution were exercised, during the stoppage in looking after the mine, are facts which will be determined upon official inquiry.

At 4:30 p. m. there was no change in the condition of the fire. The flames are still issuing from the shaft, and the opinion prevails that there will be more heavy explosions.

LATER.—Apprehensions of another explosion have subsided.

The Coroner's inquest has been adjourned until to-morrow forenoon.

Testimony was elicited this afternoon, which points to some mismanagement in permitting the miners to use powder for blasting in the upper level where the fire first broke out, thus endangering the lives of those who were at work in the levels below. The Inspector of Mines, however, who attended the inquest, thinks the direct cause was in not exercising proper precautions in firing shots in the bench. The first two were merely blown out causing tumors in the body of the coal, where the gas accumulated. When the third shot was fired, the coal ignited and all attempts then to quench the flames were unavailing. The number known to have been killed now reaches fifty-nine.

Railroad News.

AUGUSTA, Ga., May 14.—A convention was held here to-day in the interest of a railroad from Chicago to the Atlantic, via Augusta, as an air-line road. The Augusta Exchange held a meeting, and adopted resolutions to the effect that the construction of a grand trunk line railway from Chicago via Knoxville, Tenn., to Augusta, Ga., was an absolute necessity required by the increase of freight and travel between the Western and Atlantic States. Mr. Haymonds, President of the Indianapolis, Delphi & Chicago Railroad, made a speech in favor of direct rail connection with Chicago.

DUBUQUE, May 14.—Forty-five miles of the Wisconsin Valley Railroad, running from Tomah to Grand Rapids, will be completed the 25th of this month.

The Homeopaths.

COLUMBUS, O., May 14.—At the afternoon session of the State Homeopathic Society, a resolution was adopted congratulating the homeopathic physicians of Michigan on their signal triumph in favor of equal rights, in behalf of homeopathy and liberality, and indorsing the action they have already taken.

Dr. Sanders, of Cleveland, read a paper on obstetrics.

Drs. S. R. Beckwith, of Cincinnati, and T. P. Wilson and N. Schneider, of Cleveland, were appointed delegates to the American Institute. Delegates were also appointed to State societies.

Springfield was selected as the place for the next meeting, after which the Society adjourned.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DES MOINES, Iowa, May 14.—The fourth annual meeting of the Society of Homeopathia Physicians of Iowa assembled in this city to-day, with a large attendance. A number of new members were admitted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, G. H. Blair, of Fairfield; First Vice-President, A. O. Hunter, Des Moines; Second Vice-President, T. A. Benburn, New Providence; Secretary, G. H. Fletcher, of Burlington. The afternoon was devoted to discussion. The Society adjourned till to-morrow.

THE INDIANS.

Latest Reports from the Force in Pursuit of the Modocs.

The Savages Reported to Have Secured Another Stronghold.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—A dispatch from the lava-beds to-day, says 375 soldiers and Warm Spring Indians are scouring the lava-beds and surrounding country. The total troops in the field are twenty officers and 480 men.

LAVA-BEDS CAMP, SOUTH OF TULE LAKE, May 12—10 a. m., via YREKA, May 14.—Since Gen. Davis assumed command of the Modoc expedition in person, ten days ago, only one conflict, that of Saturday, has occurred, though the movements of which this last affair was a feature is still progressing, and several bodies of troops are now hunting an engagement. Gen. Davis found the soldiers disheartened by the disasters of the campaign, and had to resort to many devices to inspire them with fighting enthusiasm and increase their efficiency. He began his work with a will and earnestness that won for him the sympathy and friendship of the officers and privates, inspiring them with confidence. He studied the situation carefully, utilized the experience of his predecessors, and gave the wearied soldiers time to recuperate from the fatigue and mental excitement incidental to the rough fights in the lava-beds. He sent out scouting parties, had the men disciplined in Indian dodges, and now has his first grand movement for operations. It is his intention to harass the Modocs, keep them stirring from place to place, and subdue them. The men say they find he means business.

LAVA BEDS, May 12—10 p. m.—Lieut. Bacon, of Troop K, First Cavalry, who has arrived in camp with a detachment, having been on escort duty between here and Capt. Jack's old stronghold, brings a report from Lieut. Chapin, commanding the latter camp, that his pickets heard firing in the direction taken by Col. Mason's command in the present scout after the Indians. It is generally supposed an engagement has occurred.

CAMP SOUTH OF TULE LAKE, LAVA BEDS, May 13—6 a. m.—Part of the men of this camp, if not the entire force, will be moved to Boyle Camp, on the peninsula of Tule Lake, within the next two weeks. This camping-ground is very unhealthy in summer. Already the rattlesnakes and scorpions are familiar with the interior of the tents, and making musical visits during the nights. News will probably be received from Col. Mason's force to-day. Every one is anxious to hear the result of the present scout.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—A dispatch from Yreka to-night, says the Modocs have another rocky fortress, which they are making still stronger. The troops do not look for reinforcements arrive. The position is about 20 miles south of the last stronghold.

C. Burgess had seen Bogus Charley on the Upper Klamath. He has not yet been captured. He said he knew nothing about the contemplated massacre of the Commissioners; that there were thirty Modocs left, who would fight till the last man was killed.

Seventy-five men will be retained in camp to guard the stores till reinforcements come.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The Commissioner of Indian Affairs regards the occasional predictions of a general Indian war as wholly unwarranted, for the reason that the Indians are not united, as are civilized communities, but are divided in to small bands, each of which is an independent organization, having no relations whatever with other tribes. In fact, even when not at war with each other, they are seldom on friendly terms. Their sympathy is limited to the members of their tribe, and therefore the Commissioner believes that the hostility of the Modocs will have no effect whatever on other tribes, excepting, possibly, the Snake Indians, with whom the Modocs have somewhat affiliated in the past. The fact that the Warm Spring Indians are the allies of our troops in the war against the Modocs is one illustration of the indifference of the Indians to the trials and tribulations of a neighboring tribe.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Signal Service Bureau Reports and Prognostications.

CHICAGO, May 14—10:18 p. m.

The following reports have been received from the places mentioned below:

Station.	Bar.	Ther	Wind.	Weather.
Breckinridge	29.88	44	S. W., fresh.	Fair.
Buffalo	29.88	41	W., gentle.	Clear.
Cairo	29.82	61	S. E., fresh.	Light rain.
Chicago	29.95	41	N. brisk.	Light rain.
Cincinnati	29.79	50	N. E., fresh.	Fair.
Cleveland	29.88	46	N., gentle.	Fair.
Cheyenne	29.77	46	S. E., fresh.	Light rain.
Davenport	29.87	46	N. E., gentle.	Fair.
Detroit	29.89	41	N., fresh.	Fair.
Duluth	29.95	43	N. E., gentle.	Fair.
Fort Garry	29.89	42	Calm.	Fair.
Keokuk	29.82	52	S., fresh.	Cloudy.
LaCrosse	29.94	44	S., fresh.	Cloudy.
Milwaukee	29.94	46	N., fresh.	Cloudy.
Omaha	29.85	46	N. E., fresh.	Light rain.
Pembina	29.96	47	Light, N.	Cloudy.
St. Paul	29.87	47	W., gentle.	Fair.
Toledo	29.87	49	N. E., fresh.	Cloudy.

PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14.—For the Gulf and South Atlantic States and Tennessee, a rising temperature, southeasterly to southwesterly winds, cloudy weather, and rain, clearing to-morrow in the Western Gulf. For the Northwestern and Upper Lakes, and thence to Missouri and Kentucky, northeasterly winds, cold, cloudy, and rainy weather. For the Lower Lakes and Middle States, northeasterly and southeasterly winds, rising tempeasture, cloudy weather, and rain. For New England and Canada, northwesterly to northeasterly winds, low temperature and partly cloudy weather.

New York Legislature.

ALBANY, May 14.—The Assembly has rejected the Usury bill.

ALBANY, May 14.—The Legislature to-day elected James W. Booth Regent of the University, in place of Oswald Ottendorfer, resigned.

The Champlain Ship Canal bill passed the Assembly to-day.

ALBANY, May 14.—The Usury bill came up for final passage to-day, and was defeated by a large majority.

Oakes Ames' Will.

BOSTON, May 14.—Oakes Ames made a will while in Washington last winter, which has been presented for probate by his two sons. L. M. Ordway, Moses Dillon, and Philetus Sawyer are witnesses to the instrument, and their presence is required to carry out the provisions of registry. No details will be given until the will is probated. The amount devised is large, but the property is so invested that its value cannot at present be known.

The Erie Canal.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 14.—The Erie Canal is in navigable order, and numerous boats, laden with freight, are awaiting the opening to-morrow to clear. Water will be turned on to-night, and the canal business will open brisk.

Obituary.

NEW YORK, May 14.—Thomas R. Strong, a prominent member of the New York City bar, died this morning at his residence in this city, aged 70.

FOREIGN.

Progress of the Russian Campaign in Khiva.

Account of the Recent Carlist Victory in Navarre.

SPAIN.

Herald Special.

LONDON, May 14.—The battle at Puebla de Eraul, near Stella, in Navarre, May 6, was the most important fight, and was a complete victory for Dorregaray. Four days previously the Carlist troops were surprised at Pina Cerreda by a Government column and retreated with the greatest precipitation towards the mountains. Other Government forces co-operating, joined in pursuit. Thus five columns, encouraged by the Carlist flight, pursued them with such energy that Dorregaray during sixty hours could give his command but twelve hours rest. On the fourth day the Carlist troops were completely broken down, but the Government troops were left far behind, excepting one column under Col. Novarra, composed of regular troops with a battery of artillery. Dorregaray contrived to turn suddenly, probably to deliver a blow to cripple this force. He consequently formed a line of battle at Puente Eraul, on range of low hills, partly covered with scrub oaks and chapparal. He had about 3,000 men in position. His centre was commanded by Lizarriga, the left by Elio, and right by Dorregaray. The Government troops, on coming up, occupied high ground, which gave their artillery command of the Carlist position and the sweep of ground between. The Carlists had no artillery. The skirmishers of the Government troops felt the Carlist line for some hours. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Government troops advanced, handsomely supported by a fire from their battery, which, although not very destructive, made the Carlists, who have an exaggerated respect for cannon, very uneasy, even while doing little harm. When the Government advance first came within range, Lizarriga's men opened from the chapparal busines an exceedingly destructive fire, which staggered the line and broke the advance force, and compelled it to a relinquish part of the ground already gained, but the troops preserved perfect order, and the skirmish line kept the fellows in the chapparal busy. When the battle was raging at this point, Elio, who overlapped the Government right, made his way through the chapparal, thus getting well on the flank of the forces. In the front Lizarriga peppered away to some purpose, keeping his men mostly under cover. The fight continued on these terms, the exchange of musketry fire for the playing of the Government battery, for nearly an hour, both sides having quite a number of men wounded. Meanwhile, Dorregaray was preparing for an effective strocke. His body of chosen cavalry, composed entirely of young gentlemen of Catholic families, mostly cadets of the Basque nobility, commanded by the Marquis Valdespina, were put in position. There was some trouble in getting the force in position to charge the battery. Finally, at 4 o'clock, the cavalry was ready. Col. Rodas' battalion was also prepared to advance with the bayonet. Perceiving this, the Government left the same battalion that charged so splendidly at the battle near Vich. The signal was given for a simultaneous charge and advance along the whole line, which resulted in a tremendous helter-skelter charge of cavalry on the most different ground, and an obstinate but short hand-to-hand conflict between Rodas' men and the Government troops. The latter broke and fled in complete rout in every direction, to the mountains and valleys, to get away from the cavalry. Valdespina had a bayonet thrust in his arm. A number of the cavalry were killed, and two Captains were wounded. The cavalry captured one cannon, carriage, and caisson. They took two others, but it happened to get the guns away by the mountain path before night, when they were compelled to retire. They also captured four chief officers of the Republicans and sixty-four subaltern officers and private. The Carlist loss in killed and wounded was 150.

The other *Herald* correspondent was either killed or taken prisoner. His horse came riderless into bivouac at night.

MADRID, May 14.—The Ministers have agreed upon an electoral bill for Cuba, to be submitted to the Cortes. It provides for the enfranchisement of merchants and artisans who pay taxes to the amount of 75 pesetas, members of the learned profession, and officials. All voters must be 25 years of age.

Gen. Nouvilas, the Minister of War, now in Navarre, demands reinforcements.

MADRID, May 14.—Voting throughout Spain on Saturday and Sunday last, for Deputies to the Constituent Cortes, resulted in the election of 310 Ministerial Federalists; 30 extreme Radicals; 6 Internationalists; 4 Independent Republicans, and 30 Monarchists.

RUSSIA.

LONDON, May 14.—A dispatch from Calcutta, yesterday, says the Russian expeditionary force has occupied Oargherj, a village of Khiva. The same dispatch reports that Abdool Rahman has been summoned to St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 14.—Dispatches from Kasalinsk bring intelligence that detachments and reconnoitering parties from the Russian expedition report that the Khivans are throwing up intrenchments at Elytch and Dun Kara. They are also sending out a vanguard to meet the Russians at Mindjuk.

There has been an engagement at Igda between the Russians and Turcomans, in which the latter were defeated. Twenty-two of the Turcomans were killed, and 1,000 of their camels captured by the Russians.

CANADA.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OTTAWA, May 14.—Senator Burnham was buried at Cobourg yesterday with Masonic honors. One hundred and fifty carriages were in procession. It is supposed that the Hon. George Alexander, of Woodstock, will be appointed as his successor in the Senate.

The Prince Edward's Island negotiations remain in statu quo, the Government fearing to run the risk of granting the terms demanded.

The Governor-in's Election bill has fallen

THE "STATE."

The Final Argument Heard in the Petition in Review for the Removal of the Assignee.

Mr. Van Arman Waxes Wroth Over an Aristocracy of Thieves and Swindlers.

Mr. Sidney Smith Believes the Assignee Has Done His Duty Efficiently and Honestly.

The Court Holds that the Assignee Has Failed in His Duty in Some Respects.

But He Does Not Consider that Solely a Reason for Discharge, and Will Sleep Not.

The reading of the testimony, and the written argument of Mr. Cooper, having been disposed of in the matter of the State Insurance Company, before Judge Drummond, for review of the decision of Judge Blodgett, refusing to remove Norman C. Perkins from the Assigneeship of the State Insurance Company, oral argument yesterday commenced.

Mr. Sidney Smith, for the Assignee, made fun of Mr. Cooper's polished essay, dwelling on the unusual fact that counsel had found it necessary to commit his thoughts to pen, ink, and paper. He defended Mr. Perkins' conduct in answering the inquiries of policy-holders, considering that he was unable to give other than very guarded replies to all questions put to him. His reticence as to figures, which had been attacked by the other side, was really the best part of his conduct, and was such as any prudent man in his place would feel called upon to resort to. He referred at some length to the evidence taken, arguing that there was nothing to be found in it justifying the conclusion that Mr. Perkins' conduct had at any time been actuated by improper motives, and insisting that such a construction was a forced one, made for their own convenience by the other side, and not founded on the facts. He urged the Court to look at the circumstances, not from the present stand-point, but from the past; to remember that when Perkins gave the guarded replies referred to as to what dividends the Company might ultimately pay, that the prospects were then very uncertain; that nothing was positively known as to the Teutonia claims, and that the Court had not then rendered his decision as to the nature of a set-off. He referred to the outcry that had been made by the other side as to an alleged attempted concealment of the fact that the National Bank and Trust Company was a debtor to the State Insurance Company for upwards of $312,000. He laughed at the idea of there being any secrecy about it, and asserted that not only all Chicago, but the County and the entire State, were thoroughly well posted as to that fact. Perkins knew as much as the outsiders did, and very little more. The papers told all that was to be told of the state of the Company's affairs, and it could never be charged that the public knew nothing of it. He turned to the books of the Company, which were lying upon the table, and opening them at the pages where the State Insurance Company's accounts were kept, asked whether they were not there fairly shown, whether there was any attempt at concealment. There was not the shadow of a ground of complaint, there was not scintilla of evidence that any stock had been issued, or attempted to be issued, or that there was any intention to conceal the actual state of the account between the Bank and the Insurance Company. All that could be said, or had been proved, was that the Bank had claims against the Company which they claimed were a good and sufficient set-off against the amount held by them to the credit of the Company. Those claims were not at that time determined, and it was not possible that the Assignee could pronounce on them. They had already got $657,000 out of the bank, which they could not have calculated upon, and they had entered upon litigation for the remainder, the end of which God only knows. No man can to-day foresee the result of this interminable litigation, how then could Mr. Perkins be expected to do so at an early date? The Assignee, he supposed, was expected by Mr. Cooper to write essays, and make orations, to policy holders who called on him to discover the prospects of a dividend. He concluded by saying that Mr. Perkins had taken prompt action after his election as Assignee, and that his conduct was quiet as to inspire confidence, and that the first duty he (Mr. Smith) had, again and again, to make the Smiths disgorge, and more to the same effect.

Mr. Van Arman followed. He said the history of this litigation was without a parallel for wickedness and immorality. It was not a question as to whether the Assignee should be removed or not, but whether the sufferers by the disastrous fire of 1871 should be plundered by a set of conspirators, not prompted by need or want, but by greed and avarice. The circumstances surrounding this iniquity made it more revolting. The issue was whether the Courts will tolerate in Chicago as in other places an aristocracy of thieves and swindlers, who set at defiance the laws and the morality. Mr. Smith's argument would have been more to the point had it answered that of Mr. Cooper, instead of weakly attempting to make fun of it. For such a scheme as this of Mr. Smith's to be carried through would be a public calamity, and its effect would be pernicious beyond all calculation, and the villainy that had been attempted should be pursued to the last limit. As to the statement that it was well known that the Bank had the money belonging to the Company in its coffers, it was nothing but mere assertion. Was it true? This was the very issue that they had been struggling for. What had they been fighting for but to force them to the conclusion that they held these moneys? Yet they now said that everybody knew quite well that they did hold them, and that there had not at any time been any disposition to conceal the fact. If this assertion were true, then the very cause of the greater part of this litigation have never existed, and now falls to the ground. Yet it was undoubtedly the fact that the officers of the bank were alone cognizant of the State of the account, that they studiously kept the matter secret from those who sought for information, and made use of their knowledge to cheat the policy-holders, and that with a prudent dishonesty added them in doing it. The counsel had begged the question. It is true that the figures existed in the books of the bank, but nobody outside the bank could get hold of the figures, until, after a sharp and bitter struggle, they were obliged to bring the books into court. The counsel sketched the battle that had been fought before that point had been obtained; and contrasted in a manner in which the other side had struggled for power to keep the books, and withhold the facts with their present pretensions. He went in detail into the history of the two bankruptcies, to show that every step taken was dictated by a determination to prevent the policy-holders realizing one cent that they could keep from them; and proceeded next to refer to the schedule filed by the President of the Company. It was known that the capital was $400,000, yet the assets were represented at not much more than $100,000, of which $17,000 represented the debt owing by the bank, instead of $312,000. It was represented that the latter was in consequence of the circumstance that the bank claimed set-offs, but the falsehood of this was detected in the fact that in the same schedules, every single claim held by the bank against the Company was written down. With respect to these claims he said that the officers of the Company gave the Smiths certificates of indebtedness against the Company as quick as they bought up claims, and presented them, the consequence of which was that they must have known that those were debts charged against the Company. He attached the President, charging him was perjury in signing the false schedule, and denounced the so-called diligence of the Assignee, and continued his remarks for a column or so further, concluding by an extraordinary statement respecting Judge Blodgett, which was evidently intended as a verbal bombshell, and certainly had the effect of one. He said that the Court would probably be inclined to afford the utmost consideration to the opinion of Judge Blodgett, but a fact had only that day come to the knowledge that should be mentioned. Judge Blodgett, in his decision, says he has long known the respondent, and that it would take a great deal to shake his opinion of his honesty. So it appeared that Judge Blodgett was personally acquainted with the Assignee, and was not likely to remove him from his esteem. The fact that he had learned was, that Judge Blodgett was a member of the Company. His name was on the books as a stockholder.

Judge Drummond asked if the speaker knew that to be a fact.

Mr. VanArman said it was so on the books.

Mr. Sidney Smith said his Honor is not, and never was a stockholder.

Mr. VanArman did not believe Mr. Smith's statement. It was not because a man was on the Bench that he was to be considered above influence.

Judge Drummond remarked that he knew nothing whatever as to the truth or otherwise of the statement made.

Mr. Smith considered Mr. Van Arman's remarks uncalled for, and reiterated that Judge Blodgett held no interest in the Company.

Mr. Cooper asked whether Mr. Smith would undertake to say the Judge's name was not on the Company's books.

Mr. Smith meant to say, and would say it as often as necessary, that his Honor was not now, and never had been, a stock-holder of the State Insurance Company.

Mr. VanArman said that he had seen the books himself, and that the Judge's name was there. He concluded by appealing to the Court to aid the policy-holders to obtain their rights, and the people justice.

The Court said he had not had any opportunity of going through the record, but he had some very distinct impressions about the case, and had had ever since it first came under his observation; but he did not feel inclined to decide the question as to the removal of the Assignee, or as to the action of the District Court on the motion for it, without again examining the record. Under one aspect of the case it was a question of considerable personal importance to the Assignee, and he might as well say at once that he had never had any doubt that, in some respects, the Assignee had acted improperly, but how far he had done so, or how far he might have been actuated by improper motives, the Court would not now undertake to decide until he had had time to look at the record. For example, the Court had no doubt that he did not make those full disclosures to the policy-holders that he could have made, and which it was his duty to have made. He thought it was the duty of the Assignee, when he saw the sales that were taking place, to have made a full explanation to the policy-holders of all the facts within his knowledge. The Court did not think he did that; he did not make those full disclosures that it was his duty to do; especially under the circumstances of the case. But however his opinions on that point might be, before he interfered with the action of the District Court, he would have to be satisfied that the Assignee had been actuated by wrongful motives in his conduct. It might be that the District Court Judge had taken much the same view as he had of this part of the case, namely, that it was an error of judgment on the part of the Assignee, and that upon an intimation from the Court this error would be corrected. The Court would not now undertake to say that this was erroneous. He would, therefore, look through the record as soon as he could before going to Indianapolis, and then dispose of the motion.

Mr. Parkins said that all the assignments complained of had been made before he was appointed Assignee, and not a single one had been made since. He begged the Court to examine them and satisfy himself.

Mr. Cooper applied to have the record in Frank v. Perkins also put in evidence, if the assignments were.

The Court did not think it necessary, and saw no reason to depart from his determination announced.

Judge Blodgett was afterward seen by a Tribune reporter, and asked whether the statement made by Mr. Van Arman, that he was a member of the State Insurance Company, was true. His Honor said he is not now, and never was, a member.

EVANSTON.

The Assessor Ordered to Assess the University Real Estate--Meeting of the Trustees.

James P. Root, Esq., County Attorney, has instructed Mr. Levi Cline, the Assessor of the Town of Evanston, that it is his duty to assess the real estate owned by the Northwestern University, except such as is actually occupied by the buildings of the institution. Mr. Root holds that, under the new Constitution, no lands can be exempt from taxation, except by a general law. That by the new Constitution and Internal Revenue law the exemption clause in the University charter is repealed. This is a very important decision to Evanston, as the University is the largest land-owner in the village. The people of the village await the course of the University Trustees with great interest, as it is thought that they will contest Mr. Root's decision.

TRUSTEES' MEETING.

The Board of Trustees met in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday evening. There were in attendance Chas. J. Gilbert, President; William Blanchard, L. J. Gage, O. A. Willard, and Wilson Phelps. The minutes of the previous meeting having been disposed of, Mr. L. H. Boutelle gave an exposition of the laws relating to the establishment of public libraries in towns and villages, in case of failure or neglect to get the necessary stamps (licenses). The law requiring these special tax stamps (licenses) to be kept posted conspicuously in the owner's place of business, under a penalty of not less than $10 with the costs of prosecution added thereto. Persons who have not already done so, would do well to procure the special tax stamps (licenses) they need without any delay, as the penalties of the law, above referred to, will be at once vigorously enforced. The Collector's office is Room 29, No. 161 LaSalle street.

—The story in circulation in regard to a strike among the hands on the extensive farm of M. L. Sullivant, is without foundation. The hands had completed a job of husking 700,000 bushels of corn, and he paid them off in the sum of $11,000, and they went on their way rejoicing.—*Pontiac (Ill.) Sentinel.*

LABOR IN MASSACHUSETTS.

The Eight-Hour Law---Work in the Cotton Mills.

What the Average Laborer Earns, and What He Eats.

Testimony of the Savings-Banks---The New England Labor-League.

A Striking Striker---Movements on Foot ---Butler in the Fall Campaign.

Special Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

BOSTON, May 9, 1873.

The annual attempt to legislate labor and capital into some sort of harmony is developing, this year, into as rampant hostility as ever. The effort at this session is for the enactment of

AN EIGHT-HOUR LAW,

which, with remarkable modesty, is asked to apply only to the employes of the State, counties, cities, and towns. Thus presented, the project has an element of popularity that ought to be appreciated in the rural districts, where a day's labor in "working out" the highway-tax will be a bagatelle indeed if limited to eight hours. But the proposed law, of course, relates more distinctly, in its ultimate purposes, to the employes of our manufacturing establishments; and the agitation is accompanied by circumstances which indicate a vast growth of the movement throughout the State.

Before speaking of these circumstances and incidents, which are very significant, it is well to consider the progress making by the advocates of the eight-hour law at the State-House. There is no doubt that, in this perplexing question, they have reason and fact on their side to an extent that may well alarm such capitalists as persist in maintaining a hostile attitude toward labor. These, we may hope, are few; for there are certain terrible, though silent, abuses which need immediate remedy. The employment of

CHILDREN IN FACTORIES

is among the most crying evils of our system, against which law seems to be of little avail. It is nothing but barbarity to work children of 15 years, and from that downwards to almost infancy, ten or twelve hours a day; but that is the rule in many large establishments. The wages of these babies average about $150 a year, quite an item in the support of families such as they are grown in, but poor enough as an exchange for the education our State boasts of forcing upon each citizen, and for health and life itself in too many cases.

But it is not so much for the children as for adults that this agitation is made; and the advocates of an eight-hour law may well rely upon the success of the experiment of ten hours of labor in some of our large mills. The progress has been steadily to a

REDUCTION OF THE HOURS OF LABOR,

and it must continue in that direction. Fifty years ago, sixteen hours made a day's work in a cotton-mill; and, previous to 1833, the average time in these establishments in Massachusetts was not less than twelve hours. A general theory, if found at all, must be deduced from particular instances; and in this relation I may mention the Lawrence Mills, where the hours of labor were reduced to sixty-six a week, with half-holiday Saturday afternoon. Also, the Atlantic Mills, which for five years have run on ten-hour time. The result is so favorable to all parties that, from this evidence alone, one might be led to advocate an indefinite reduction of yours of labor. For, while the Atlantic Mills—I take this establishment as representative of a well-managed business—manufactured some 400,000 or 500,000 yards under the eleven-hour system, with 1,500 looms and 1,200 operatives, this year it has averaged over 600,000 a week, working ten hours a day, with 1,800 looms, and 1,100 operatives. This gain of 50 per cent in the production is, of course, in some measure due to improved machinery, as the decrease in the number of operatives would indicate; but it is unfair to refuse to attribute a considerable degree to the change in the hours, which gives better and more zealous work. It is at least shows that no harm has come of the concession.

Another theory which facts in the experience of Massachusetts have disapproved, is that of the inability of working men and women to make

RECENT USE OF LEISURE TIME.

Had as large a manufacturing town as must be, it is not wholly degraded, nor do operatives invariably seize the first empty hour to get drunk on the wages of their labor. The Lowell Public Library sends out from 10,000 to 14,000 books a month, and on Saturdays the average of applicants for books is 600, while the reading-room is crowded on the evening of that day. If such is the extent of abuse of leisure time in the greatest manufacturing centre of the State, there is much weight in the argument that a still further extension of time would be well employed. The half-holiday plan is also said to work admirably, the operatives refusing accusations of immorality by behaving well and sensibly.

Facts also show that, if the operatives really wish a further concession, they are their own worst enemies. For nothing more directly convincing of their willingness to labor

AS LONG AS THEY MAY BE PAID FOR WORK,

can be adduced than the experience of another large establishment, the Washington Mills, where operatives are paid by the hour. It is was not very long since that the turbine driving one section of this mill broke, and work rapidly accumulated in that section while repairs were being made. The rest of the mill got so far ahead with manufacture during this season of enforced idleness, that it was announced to operatives in the disabled section that they might work two hours over-time if they so desired. Not one of them refused the opportunity of working up to the standard of time against which they formerly rebelled and had not only were they amply satisfied with the situation, but the operatives in other departments began to grumble, and insist that they also should be allowed to work twelve hours a day, and get twelve hours' pay. There was no demand for it, and the request was denied. This would certainly seem to give color to the statement of the opponents of the eight-hour law, that workmen wish for shorter days only to get

MORE WAGES FOR LESS WORK.

It is, however, easily demonstrable that the wages for a day's work of sixteen hours half a century ago is equaled, in purchasing power, by the wages now earned by ten hours of labor in our more modern establishments. That the productive power of labor is also increased in a yet larger ratio, is equally true; and it is evident that capital, after all, is getting the advantage in the progress of events. But the fact that workmen will prefer twelve hours instead of ten, provided he is paid by the hour, gives the opponents of the change a certain authority when they say that the petitioners do not represent the laboring classes of Massachusetts. This, with the well-worn argument advanced by comfortable merchants, to the effect that they would never have become wealthy unless they had worked fifteen hours a day, forms the burden of the opposition. There is something said about interference with private rights in the purchase and the sale of labor, and also concerning the rights of capital; but, like the woman-suffrage question, the issue has been made, that workingmen do not wish it and do not need it.

It is very evident that

THEY NEED SOMETHING.

Were we to trust to figures alone, it could be easily proved that no family of the laboring class could exist from year to year. The fact is, that they do exist, and even increase and multiply; but how, is a mystery. These questions of averages are queer in their results; but there is no way of learning the condition of the Massachusetts workingman, or of any other, but by reducing him to an average. This average skilled workman, then, earns just $636.59 a year; the average unskilled laborer gets just $493.40. Such is the income from about 300 days of labor. But the average man has also an average family of five to support, including himself, at an average expense of little less than $700. Unaided, it will readily be seen that the representative workman of Massachusetts will

STARVE TO DEATH HIMSELF AND FAMILY

about six weeks before the end of the year. But, if the children earn run alone, and let the wife and mother earn her average female wages of $237, or if a daughter or a son can bring in the average youth's wages of $150, the household may squeeze through the twelve-month. Gen. Oliver's Labor Bureau, whose averages are most terrible things, have found out this, and much more, telling the world that the average Massachusetts workingman, who names begin to earn, expects to support his average family on five, pushes in spending $14 a year for "religion," and half as much for charity, while he squanders $6.74 on newspapers and such trash, and actually pays as much for "society" as he does for kerosene and candles.

It is plainly demonstrated that the workingman cannot live and support his family

WITHOUT ASSISTANCE;

and hence it is that we find so many children in the mills. Even the farmers, whom we are now regarding as an almost extinct race in Massachusetts, are no better off than the employes of the mills,—sending their children to these establishments to earn wages with which to eke out the support which the soil denies them. It is then, but not until then, that we find the Massachusetts workingman in debt; and happy is he that such a thing as debt exists, without which our mathematical formulas would quickly starve him, and leave him to be buried by the town. The employe of a manufacturing town lives in a

STATE OF SHRIEKING INDEBTEDNESS.

His credit is limited according to the rate of his wages, and on this he draws his groceries, meat, and coal, until pay-day comes. We cannot be too hard upon him if he does not settle, for not the best intentions in the world can make $536 pay for $700 worth of goods. So we find him changing from one dwelling to another, and from one place to another, without payment of his debts. Again, we find him pulled up short by the trustee-process; and again, he assigns his wages in advance. It is a notable illustration of this manner of life to find that the Police Court of Lowell issues about 2,000 trustee-warrants against debtors yearly, and that nearly the same number of assignments of wages are made.

IT IS CRUEL—

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Mr. Jenkins, Assignee, yesterday filed bills in chancery against several stockholders of the Commercial Insurance Company, to compel the payment of their stock subscriptions. The bill declares the organization of the Company, the action of the Board of Directors with respect to taking notes for stock-subscriptions and mortgages to secure the same, and other matters which are familiar to the reader, and then proceeds to say that complainant is advised and believes, and therefore states, that said notes were security for, or represented, a trust fund, and ought to have been held or collected by the Board of Directors or officers of said Company for the benefit of the creditors thereof, and that he is informed and believes, and charges the truth to be, that many of the stockholders in said Company have, from time to time, and at divers times, sold and transferred their stock therein to other parties or persons, which sales and transfers were, from time to time, recognized by, and entered upon the books of said Company, and the certificates of stock held by such persons selling or transferring, were surrendered to said Company, and canceled, and new certificates of stock issued in lieu thereof, and, at the same time and times, the notes of the persons so selling and transferring stock, were taken up, canceled, or destroyed, and new stock notes in place thereof executed by the purchaser of such stock, payable and delivered to said Company.

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Wherefore complainant asks that said defendant may be brought to answer the premises in a court of equity, and state the amount of stock he owned at the time of the great fire, and how much remained unpaid upon the stock subscription, or stock note, or for the stock held and owned by him, how much had been paid upon such stock in cash, how much of such stock he held, and whether he now holds any such.

A SINGULAR MANUFACTURING DODGE ALLEGED.

In September last, Hall & Ford applied for and obtained an injunction restraining the Chicago Water and Gas-Pipe Company from accumulating custom by the use of his name on their castings and showing a sign with his name thereon in front of their building. Ford, the plaintiff, who had gained considerable fame as a worker in metals, sold out in 1872 to the Chicago Water and Gas-Pipe Company for $330,000, which, probably with the laudable view of making money on the strength of Ford's reputation, kept his name in the foreground whenever it was practicable to do so. This hurt the new business which Ford had started, and in the fall of 1872 he obtained an injunction restraining them from imprinting its name on their castings, and from showing his name in front of their works. This they failed to comply with. The sign on which appeared the name of the well-known founder, they painted with a very light coat of invisible white, which left it as legible as ever, and the cabalistic sign still appeared on the castings. Complainant thought it was time to obtain another injunction, and yesterday morning his counsel filed an application therefor, in which they recited the wrongs which complainant labored under. After detailing the facts that the original sign was, notwithstanding the original injunction, legible at a distance of 200 feet, complainant avers that, on the 22d day of April last, H. A Stetson, Superintendent of the Jackson City Waterworks, Michigan, sent him a telegram requesting him to send immediately certain goods, which telegram the carrier took to the building occupied by the Chicago Water and Gas Pipe Company, "where it was opened by one Andrew J. Guilford, bookkeeper of the concern, who read it and sent an answer, a telegram, to the effect that the Chicago Water and Gas Pipe Company had not the goods on hand, but could send them by the following Saturday; on receipt of which answer Stetson telegraphed off to Cleveland, O., for the goods required. Complainant adds that Guilford, the book keeper of the Company, receipted for the telegram in the messenger's book, signing, "A. J. Clark, Secretary and Treasurer, G." On the 22d of April, complainant received from Stetson a letter by mail, virtually a repetition of the telegram above mentioned. To this complainant answered, on the 23d of April, that he could ship them the next day, and did so, receiving from Stetson a letter stating that he had received from complainant a reply to a telegraph, upon which he had sent to Cleveland. This led to an investigation by complainant, resulting in his learning that the C. W. & G. P. Company had undertaken to transact on their own account, and for their own benefit, a certain job which had been tendered him to perform, which caused him to apply for the writ of injunction, restraining them from so doing in the future. The application was granted.

TRIAL FOR ARSON.

Leopold Cohn was held on a charge of setting fire to No. 471 State street. The testimony brought to substantiate the charge was that of an interested fire insurance agent, whose evidence showed that, judging from the appearances of things at the fire, especially from the fact that a quantity of the goods were burned while the surrounding wood was unharmed, the supposition that they had been saturated with kerosene was a very natural one. The only other testimony which in any manner tended to convict the prisoner of the crime charged was that of an expressman, who swore to certain admissions of Cohn to him. But the expressman was proven to be a man of very bad character, and not to be believed on oath.

On the other hand it was proved that the goods in the store at the time of the fire were worth at least $4,000, and that the insurance thereon was only $1,800, equally divided between the Allemania and the Millville Fire Insurance Companies. Before the conclusion of the testimony brought by A. M. Pence, defendant's counsel State's Attorney Reed acknowledged that were he on the jury he would feel compelled to acquit the prisoner, while Judge Tree said that he could not secure any other verdict than one of acquittal, under which circumstances the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

ACTION AGAINST THE LAKESIDE MONTHLY.

In Judge Porter's Court, the case of Rand, McNally & Co. v. The University Publishing Company was taken up for trial. This was a suit in which plaintiffs sought to recover the sum of $569.50 for printing and binding work done on the *Lakeside Monthly*. The counsel for the defence urged that the printing performed by plaintiff was poor in workmanship, that the binding was executed with a blind disregard to making the pages run in numerical order, and that the plates were mashed, causing altogether much more damage to the magazine than the claim which petitioners sue for. The evidence in the case was heard, when the counsel delivered short arguments in support of their side of the case, and the jury retired to deliver a sealed verdict, by agreement.

BANKRUPTCY MATTERS.

Orders for examinations under Sec. 26 were yesterday made in the estates of George F. Clark and Charles Peters.

The custodian and provisional Assignee in the estate of Leander Rockwell having converted into money fifty barrels of flour, forwarded by D. B. Read & Sons, in ignorance of the proceedings in bankruptcy, which flour was received after adjudication, the Court yesterday made an order for the Assignee to pay said Sears & Sons the sum of $320.

It is seeing that the only asset of importance in the estate of Charles G. Ubeller is the northeast quarter of Sec. 8, east, in Livingston County, which is mortgaged to one Cook for $2,000, and that said Cook is about to sell such property, the Assignee yesterday procured an order from the Court restraining said sale.

THE COURTS CONDENSED.

In Judge Booth's Court, the case of Charles Weiderbaum v. Town of Cicero came up again on a motion of defendant's counsel for a new trial. It will be remembered that plaintiff, while driving through the town with the classical name, got thrown into a ditch which the railroad authorities had caused to be dug across the principal thoroughfare, and broke his leg, for which he recovered in court $3,000 damages. The Court decided that, considering the amount of anguish plaintiff must have suffered at the time of the accident, the amount awarded by the jury was not excessive, and declined, accordingly, to grant the new trial applied for.

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What the Press Abroad Have to Say of Chicago.

A meeting of the one hundred gentlemen whose names have already been published as general managers of the Jubilee Ball, on Friday, June 6, is called to meet at the Gardner House at 8 p. m. this evening. A full attendance is requested, as the time for preparations is short. The number of invitations issued cannot exceed one thousand.

It is in discussion and will probably be carried into effect to bring into Thursday's programme of the great jubilee concert a choral song by a picked chorus of one thousand from the public schools of Chicago.

The press everywhere are discussing the Chicago Jubilee. Excursions from St. Louis and Cincinnati are to take place. Word was received yesterday that a party of Bostonians will come through in a special car to see New Chicago and hear the jubilee. How the jubilee is received abroad will be shown in the following extracts only a few among the kindly congratulations of the press of the country, at the fact that Chicago is at jubilation point. Read how they talk about Chicago, and thank God you belong to a city so favored in well-wishes abroad:

From the Des Moines Register.

The City of Chicago is about to avail herself of the earliest opportunity offered to invite her friends to see the rebuilt city. The railroads entering the city meet the public liberally, and offer excursion tickets at low rates.

This will afford an opportunity to visit Chicago which many people will not be slow in accepting. The Chicago fire was a wonder. Rebuilt Chicago is a greater wonder. No one could imagine the dreadful havoc and dreary desolation wrought by the conflagration without seeing it. Nor can pen now depict to the imagination the wonders, the magic, the magnificence of the new Chicago. The crowning triumphs and capping wonders of the energy and Western enterprise had most conspicuous manifestation in Chicago. And, leaving out of mind the disaster and ruin inflicted by the fire, and not taking into consideration the marvels of its rapid rebuilding, the city, as it stands, a great group of the finest buildings, the most elaborate architecture, and the most artistic ornamentation, is one of the continental if not superlative above all present cities in the world. It is something every man and every woman will find delight in seeing and have pride in admiring. It is safe to say that the June days of jubilee will see a vast crowd of sight-seekers pouring into Chicago.

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THE STATE JUDICIARY.

Judge Caton's Views of the Approaching Election.

From the Inter-Ocean.

THE Hon. J. Y. SCAMMON:

DEAR SIR: The approaching election of Judge of the Supreme Court to the place occupied by Judge Lawrence, should interest all residing within the district at least. Judicial elections differ widely from those which are political, and I remember with great satisfaction that in our State at least, they have not been subject to political control. If ardent politicians have seen proper in several cases to get nominations made for Judges of the Supreme Court, the voters have always felt at liberty so to disregard them when the candidates were not entirely acceptable. It has often happened that Judges have been elected in districts where those who disagreed with them in politics were in the ascendant, and to this may be largely attributed the high position which our Supreme Court holds among the States. Whenever the judicial office shall become the prize for the plaything of political parties, then indeed we may well regret that the judiciary has ever been made elective. Politicians elected by their party recognize an allegiance to the party; that is, they submit their individual opinions to the supreme dictation of their party. However proper this may be in political affairs, the very proposition to apply the rule to judicial action would shock every right-thinking man; and I am sure no one will appreciate this more readily than yourself. Hence it is that I would deprecate all party nominations for judicial offices; and, if made, would advise all those who may regard my opinions as worthy of any consideration to recognize nothing done in such nominations. Under judicial action the upright Judge must know no party friendships and no animosities, but only the law as it is, and as he is sworn to administer it; and the Judge who departs from any consideration, shall ever depart from this rigid rule, will at once be mistrusted by every one, and will soon sink into the lowest depths of universal contempt. Whenever this shall happen, you, and I, and all, will feel that our trusts to our property, our lives, our all, is greatly weakened. Distrust in the integrity of the judiciary is the most painful distress that can arise in civilized society; and I pray you and all others who can fully appreciate its importance to lend your best influence against any action which might tend to create such distrust, and especially which should justify it.

Since I left Indiana I observe in the papers that some interest is felt and even excitement has arisen as to the mode of giving effect to the provisions of our Constitution on the subject of railways, and some have even suggested that Judges should be elected by the producers with a view to decisions favoring their interest. The very proposition is so gross an insult to the intelligence and integrity of those producers, that I am sure they would spurn it with the contempt it deserves. Should the suggestion be adopted, and a man be found so lost to self-respect as to accept a place on the Supreme Bench with even an implied pledge to make a particular decision, by that very act he would proclaim himself to be in the market, and would be purchased from those to whom he had already sold himself, so soon as a sufficient price should be offered. I sincerely trust that no such degradation---no such disgrace is reserved for our people. What would be thought if the mechanics, or the manufacturing and Western enterprise had most conspicuous manifestation in Chicago. And, leaving out of mind the disaster and ruin inflicted by the fire, and not taking into consideration the marvels of its rapid rebuilding, the city, as it stands, a great group of the finest buildings, the most elaborate architecture, and the most artistic ornamentation, is one of the continental if not superlative above all present cities in the world. It is something every man and every woman will find delight in seeing and have pride in admiring. It is safe to say that the June days of jubilee will see a vast crowd of sight-seekers pouring into Chicago.

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The extreme severity of the winter, and its protracted duration, have delayed the shipment of iron from the mines in the Lake Superior region. In the vicinity of Negaunee there is quite a depth of snow---in many places two feet on the level. When taken out of the mines, the ore was piled up on the snow alongside the track, to await shipment on the opening of navigation. The return of spring is causing the snow to melt so rapidly as to throw vast masses of the ore upon the track, and block it. More than a dozen vessels are lying at Escanaba, awaiting cargoes. They will soon be supplied, for, on Monday last, 500 car-loads of ore were transported over the Peninsular Division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad to Escanaba, and the probability is that, as soon as the weather and track become settled, ten trains of fifty car-loads each will be a regular daily event.

The several extensions to the new mines are being pushed as vigorously as the nature of the season will admit, and the prospect is that the shipment of last year will be exceeded by at least half a million tons. The Saginaw Mine, where the accident occurred which resulted in the death of the Captain of the Mining Corps, on Saturday last is the property of the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company, and has just been connected with the Northwestern Company's system of tracks. It is being opened, and promises to yield abundantly. The work on the extensions to the Breen Mine, in the Menominee region, has not been resumed.

TUNNEL NO. THREE.

The contractors who have spent a year or more in trying to excavate Tunnel No. 3, on the Madison Extension of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, near Sparta, got a hole through the 3,800 feet bore yesterday. A vast quantity of "bottom" remains to be taken out, and there is but slight prospect of the rails being laid through to Sparta and beyond into LaCrosse before September next. The unsurpassed beauty of the scenery along this route will render it exceedingly attractive to travelers and tourists. The entire route, from Madison to LaCrosse, traverses a region abounding in rugged, picturesque prospects. Tunnel No. 3 is nearly the last work of importance in the season, and the intervening track is all ready for the iron. The unfinished condition of the big tunnel is the only obstacle in the way of opening the through line to LaCrosse and Winona.

THE MOBILE & OHIO.

The Directors of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad have just held their twenty-fifth annual meeting. It was half jubilee and wholly congratulatory. They felicitated themselves that a road 516 miles in length, crossing seven degrees of latitude, and opening up a comparative wilderness, had been constructed by their energy, for the "demon of war" had presided over its birth, and during four bloody years its road was the sport of contending armies. The close of the war left the road an extensive wreck, and, as 65 per cent of its original cost had been lost, the Company were bankrupt. They offered to sell out insignificantly cheap to the Illinois Central, but the latter were not politic enough to buy. The eight intervening years have witnessed its severe struggles to keep above water, but it now stands on a firm basis, and shows a net revenue of $1,022,285.40 for the last fiscal year. In 1868 the earnings were $1,350,601.59, and, in 1872, $2,929,507.59, an increase of 16 per cent per annum. The property of the Company is variously estimated at from $22,000,000 to $30,000,000. As the excess of earnings have invariably been expended in repairs and improvements, the Directors felt justified in recommending an increase of stock, giving one new share to the present stockholders for each share held by them---25 per cent to be paid, and the remaining 75 per cent to be as dividend, and represented by property acquired by the Company. The vote on this proposition was, 29,993 for and 816 against. It will yield $1,116,618.96 to be applied in improvements and equipments.

The Mobile & Ohio is the great cotton road of the South. During the year ending April 1, 1873, it moved 184,676 bales of cotton. Of this amount 168,746 bales went south for transhipment at Mobile. Only 17,819 bales were moved North. How much greater proportion might have been diverted Northward had the opportunity to control this line in the interest of Chicago been seized, it is, perhaps, not profitable to calculate; but, as it remains the leading railway in the South, it is certainly a matter of regret that lack of enterprise and sagacity should force it to seek close connections with St. Louis to our comparative exclusion.

One remarkable feature is, that for twenty years the road has enjoyed an immunity from serious accident. No road in the country, of the same length, has been in operation so long a time, and performed as much business, with this record. But a passenger has been killed by causes beyond his own control.

PERSONAL.

Col. C. A. DeGraff, the veteran contractor, who got snow-bound with his railroad gang west of New Ulm, Minn., during one of the terrible storms of last winter, has resumed work on the extension of the Winona & St. Peter Railroad, and expects to have it completed across the boundary line between Minnesota and Dakota by the 1st of June. This line is run in advance of settlements, but the easy terms on which land can be procured, together with its fertility, it is thought, will rapidly populate the country.

REMOVAL OF OFFICES.

The Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne, Pennsylvania Central, and Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis (Pan Handle) Railroad Companies took possession of their new office, northeast corner of Clark and Randolph streets, yesterday afternoon. The room is handsomely fitted up, and has two street entrances. Tickets to all points South and East can be obtained there in the future. The old office on the West Side will be closed in a day or two.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

The stockholders of the Joliet & Chicago Railroad Company held their annual meeting yesterday, and elected the following Directors: John Crerar, T. B. Blackstone, John B. Drake, J. McGregor Adams, and D. Willis James. They will have a meeting within a short time, and elect officers.

An Actress Prostrated with Grief at the Death of Her Horse.

From the St. Louis Republican, May 13.

The accident at the matinee at the Grand Opera House last Saturday, during the performance of the Mazeppa scene by Miss Leo Hudson, with her trained pony "Black Bess," receives a touch of pathos in the announcement of the severe illness of the actress, caused by grief at the death of the pony. Miss Hudson was passionately attached to her beautiful pet, which had been her constant companion for a long time, and which was an uncommonly intelligent and tractable animal. It was her custom to give "Black Bess" a good share of the care she required, and the affection of the latter for her mistress was remarkable in the perfection wherewith she always performed her part of the play.

As soon as the accident occurred Miss Hudson summoned a veterinary surgeon, and every effort was made to save the life of the pony, but in vain. Miss Hudson, bruised and lacerated as she was by her severe fall, never left her pet until it was dead, but sat holding its head in her arms, talking to it and soothing its sufferings as she might have done for a human being she loved. When it died she became almost frantic with grief. Her own injuries had seriously shocked her nerves, but she held out for more than twelve hours by the side of her dying pony, utterly refusing to leave it even for the sake of the rest and care she herself needed almost as imperatively as did her poor, dumb patient. When the pony died she was utterly exhausted with the shock of her injuries and her loss of sleep, and this, with her passionate grief, brought on an attack of brain-fever, in which condition she lay all day yesterday in her room at the St. Clair House. She consisted to homesee the loss of her pet pony, which was doubly endeared to her, in that it was not only a companion but a means of gaining a livelihood.

How to Settle the Modoc Question.

A sage Piute has enlightened a Nevada newspaper writer as to his plan for disposing of the Modocs. He said that it was "no good" to fight them with guns, and that the way the Piutes would fix them would be to inform them that they wanted to have a big talk with them. Then when they came to have the talk all would be seated in a circle, each Piute with a Modoc at his left hand. Each Piute would manage to have a big stone within reach or in his pocket. The big talk would proceed until a signal was given, when each Piute would seize hold of the right wrist of his Modoc neighbor with his left hand, and then with his right would grasp his rock and smash in the Modoc's skull. "No gun, no knife," said he, "kill 'em all with rock."

The railroad shops in Sacramento have orders to build twelve locomotives---the first in California.

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Stokes' case has been taken to the Court of Appeals on a writ of error from the decision of the Supreme Court refusing him a new trial.

A citizen of New York gave the United States in his will half a million dollars toward the payment of the national debt, but the Courts of that State declare the bequest invalid.

Gov. Washburne has not yet heard officially that the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad will refuse to take the St. Croix & Superior land-grant. The statement to that effect was false.

General Agramonte, one of the ablest and most successful of the Cuban insurgent leaders, was killed in a recent battle, which resulted in his death and the defeat of his force, with a loss of 80.

The Constituent Cortes, just elected in Spain, has an overwhelming majority of Federal Republicans, of whom there are 310. The Radicals, Internationalists, Independent Republicans, and Monarchists number in all only 78.

The 375,000 penny postal-cards sent to the New York Post-Office were sold in two days, and another batch of 1,000,000 has been called for by the Postmaster. Most of those which have reappeared in the mails bear advertisements.

The Galesburg Farmers' Club has resolved to support Judge Lawrence in the coming judicial election. They declare him to be an incorruptible and learned Judge, and denounce the Princeton Convention which nominated his opponent as a gross fraud upon the farmers.

A prominent member of the Boston Board of Brokers, a young man 35 years old, who has hitherto borne an unsullied name, was arrested yesterday for forgery. His method was to alter the figures of stock-certificates, raising certificates for one, two, and three shares, to one hundred, two hundred, and three hundred, respectively. By these operations he has swindled various parties out of $200,000.

The burning mine at Pictou is the grave, it is now stated, of no less than seventy-five men. Of these, twenty-six leave behind them wives and children to mourn their loss. Six men managed to crawl from the shafts after the first explosion, but two of them will die of their hurts. The first explosion has been followed by others, one of which was heard for four miles, and another is said to have destroyed a rescue party of thirty volunteers. All the shafts of the mine have been swept by the flames, which are still burning, and it is not possible that a single soul can escape.

The Spanish Ministry have determined upon a measure which, if they can carry it through the Cortes, will make a great change for the better in Spanish colonial policy, hitherto so harsh and despotic. They propose to give Cubans the political rights of Spanish citizens, and a representation in the Imperial Government, allowing all male citizens 25 years of age, who are engaged in commercial, industrial, professional, or official pursuits, to vote, it being stipulated that the first two classes must be taxpayers to the amount of 75 pesetas a year,—about $30 of our money.

In the speeches at the St. Louis Convention there were some remarkable statements. Congressman Stannard, who represented the commercial bodies of that city, declared that "river transit is 100 per cent cheaper than canal, and nearly 500 per cent cheaper than railroad." By all means, if these figures be true, river transportation ought to be encouraged. Such a reduction of freights as that would be a glorious thing for shippers, but we fear the patriotism of the boat-owners, in paying so large a bonus for the privilege of carrying freight, would not last long. Mr. Stannard will make his maiden-speech in Congress at the next session.

Two hundred German citizens of the Seventeenth Ward met last night to form an organization, regardless of former political distinctions, for the purpose of taking the control of the City Government out of the hands of the "so-called temperance party" next November. The speeches, in which A. C. Hesing and "Buffalo" Miller took part, were very bitter in their denunciation of the municipal authorities, the English press, and the native Americans for their course in relation to the Sunday-Beer question. The resolutions were of the same tenor, and pledged the Germans to unite in defense of their bibulous rights without regard to party.

Nixon's counsel are making desperate efforts to secure a stay of the execution fixed for to-morrow. They applied to six Judges without success, but finally secured a writ of error from Judge Fancher, and made their argument for a stay of proceedings before the Supreme Court, which will give its decision to-day. Gov. Dix refuses to interfere. Nixon's case is peculiarly atrocious. He shot, without warning and in cold blood, a man whom he had never seen before, and whose only offense was that he paid no attention to Nixon's peremptory order to take his horse and wagon out of his way as the latter was driving down Broadway.

The Usury bill, which lessens the punishment for usury by making only the excessive interest, instead of both principal and interest, forfeitable, has been rejected by the New York Assembly. Many of the strongest opponents of the usury laws and their merciless penalties disfavored this bill. In their present severe shape these laws are inoperative; no one can be found to enforce them. But under so mild a forfeiture the operation of the law would not seem harsh, and in consequence the Courts would be constantly interfering in the business of the money market, attempting to keep the price of money down to the invariable rate fixed by law, and thereby introducing much greater confusion and risk into monetary affairs than the old law did.

The St. Louis Congressional Convention yesterday listened to the reading of a series of resolutions prepared by the Merchants' Exchange of St. Louis. When the roll was called about one hundred Congressmen answered to their names. Besides these, there are present the Governors of Missouri, Ohio, Virginia, Kansas, and Minnesota. The resolutions urge that the Mississippi be confined at its mouth to one channel, which the rush of water will deepen and keep clear. They favor the adoption of a comprehensive system of river improvement to fix permanent channels in the shoals of all the large rivers of the Mississippi Valley, and to free them from obstructions. They call for the abolition of all taxes which interfere with cheap ocean and inland transportation, and for the repeal of the laws which prevent American merchants from buying ships abroad. No action was taken.

The enforcement in Massachusetts of the law prohibiting the sale of malt liquors, which has been undertaken by the State Constabulary, has brought results which were not dreamed of by those who favored the prohibition legislation. Already, it is said, the sale of beer and ale has decreased 50 per cent. As a consequence, many of the brewers have suspended operations and discharged their help. A large number of coopers who were earning $3 a day have been thrown out of employment, among other trades dependent upon the brewing business. The most unlooked-for result has been the disaffection of the farmers who were loudest in calling for the law, and who are now as vigorously opposed to it. They have been in the habit of feeding their milch cows on brewers' grains and barley sprouts, and they suddenly find their supply cut off. The consequence is an increase in the cost of feeding and a decrease in the quantity of milk for city supply, which materially affects their profits. The farmers will now be in favor of repealing the law prohibiting the sale of malt liquors.

The Chicago produce markets were less active yesterday, and generally irregular. Mess pork was in moderate demand, and 10c lower, at $16.80@16.90 cash, and $16.90@17.00 seller June. Lard was moderately active, and 10c per 100 lbs lower, closing at $8.95 cash, and $9.00 seller June. Meats were inactive and unchanged, at 6¼@6¾c for shoulders; 8¾@8¾c for short ribs; 8¾@9c for short clear; and 10@11½c for sweet-pickled hams. Lake freights were less active, and unchanged, at 6¾c for corn to Buffalo. Highwines were quiet and steady at 89½c per gallon. Flour was in fair demand and firmer. Wheat was active and 1c higher, closing at $1.32¾ cash, and $1.33 seller June. Corn was active, and ¾c higher, closing dull at 41¾c seller the month, and 42¾c seller June. Oats were dull at ¼c lower, closing at 33c seller the month, and 34c seller June. Rye was quiet and steady at 69¾c. Barley was inactive and nominal at 73@89c for common to good No. 2. Hogs were 15@20c lower, owing to excessive receipts. Closing prices were $4.80@5.20. Cattle sold at a decline of ¾c. The sheep market was active and firm.

The shippers of corn along the Illinois & Michigan Canal, at LaSalle, Joliet, Ottawa, and other points, are complaining of the Chicago inspection, and shipping corn by rail whenever it is possible to do so. The evil of which they complain, however, is not chargeable to Chicago, but to to the State of Illinois. If there is anything wrong in the inspection, Chicago is no more to blame for it than for the loss of the Polaris. The State has arbitrarily fixed the grading of corn and appointed the Inspector. Not only this, but when the Chicago Board of Trade sought to obtain the privilege of fixing grades and selecting its own Inspector, its bill was summarily rejected by the Legislature. If, therefore, there is any blame in the premises, it belongs to the State, and there the shippers along the canal should fasten it. Chicago has no more to do with it than with the grain inspection at Odessa. It is by this system that Chicago is losing some of the corn trade, that the State is losing in canal tolls, and that the shippers themselves are losing by the increased cost of transportation, but the blame does not belong to Chicago. If the shippers feel aggrieved, they should fix the responsibility where it belongs, join hands to remedy it, and no longer waste time and breath in abuse of Chicago, which is no more to blame than they.

THE ST. LOUIS CONVENTION.

The excursion of Congressmen from St. Louis to Galveston has been inaugurated by no less than three speeches,—one by the Governor of Missouri, one by the ex-Lieutenant-Governor, and now member of Congress, Stannard, and the third by the Hon. Henry T. Blow. The substance of the business is the necessity and importance of more perfect water-routes from the interior to the ocean. The question is, of course, important, and one great difficulty in having something accomplished is the fact that, when it is proposed to expend five dollars for a really practicable and desirable end, at least fifty dollars more are demanded for other works that are not practicable, and are useless, except for purposes of jobbery and plunder.

The speakers at St. Louis pointed out, with great clearness, the magnitude of the commerce which would be maintained if the Mississippi River was so improved at its mouth that vessels could arrive and depart from New Orleans without the delays and cost of lighterage and towage; but even St. Louis gentlemen could not discuss this question without seemingly bidding for outside help by talking about a canal from the Ohio River to Richmond, and another by way of the Tennessee River into Georgia, with branches to Mobile and Savannah. The three works mentioned up to Tuesday night as deserving immediate attention were: 1. The James River & Kanawha Canal. 2. The Atlantic and Great Western Canal, through Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia; and 3. The Fort St. Philip Canal, from a point on the Mississippi River below New Orleans, at or near Fort St. Philip, to the Gulf. Of these, the latter is unquestionably of great practical importance, if it be feasible, and, when accomplished, will furnish a permanent means of reaching New Orleans from the Gulf. At present, no vessels drawing over 17 feet can cross the bar at the mouth of the Mississippi; at that point vessels entering the river have to transfer their cargo to scows and barges, which are towed up the river. Vessels of that size cannot take full cargoes at New Orleans without breaking bulk again at the bar, and having their freight carried over it in lighters. The cotton-trade at New Orleans, if this difficulty did not exist, would give employment to four times the number of ocean-going vessels that now do business at that city. The difficulty at the mouth of the river is one that cannot be remedied. As fast as the bars are dredged out, they form again. If this Fort St. Philip Canal were constructed, it would permit steamers and vessels of the largest class to enter the river at a point far above the river obstructions, and permit an uninterrupted continuance of commerce. The construction of the canal, if practicable, will be costly, so far as the amount of money is concerned, but it would be of permanent value, and would open the whole Mississippi River to the immense commerce which belongs to it naturally.

If the Convention at St. Louis has the facts and information showing that the Fort Philip Canal is possible of construction, or that there is any other mode by which the arrival and departure of vessels to New Orleans from the ocean can be made a certainty and free of all obstruction by the ever-changing progress and deposits of the river, and will confine its recommendations to that object, it will elicit from the whole country a strong and earnest support. Such a work must be of national importance and of national interest, and worthy of the liberal and prompt action of the Government. At present, the obstructions at the entrances to the river are preventive of commerce; they are breaking up commerce in the great section of country of which it is the natural outlet. Those obstructions are daily growing worse. They defy the remedial art of man. The only recourse is to avoid them by an artificial channel. If the construction of this channel be possible, either at Fort St. Philip or elsewhere, it ought to be done.

The mistake of all these conventions is, that, instead of addressing themselves to a really proper and desirable end, they purchase a cheap recommendation of them by adding thereto a like commendation of other works which are visionary and absurd, impracticable and delusive, and thus the really meritorious is buried beneath the mass of wild and utopian schemes. The speech-makers at St. Louis had much to say about water-routes below the "freezing line." Where is the freezing line? During the winter season, the Ohio River and the Mississippi River above the Ohio are as closed to transportation as is Lake Michigan. Of what avail, then, is it to St. Louis or Dubuque, or St. Paul or Omaha, that the river is open between Vicksburg and New Orleans, if it is not open to them? The propriety of making the Mississippi River accessible to the largest-sized vessels does not rest upon the fact that New Orleans is below the freezing line, but to the fact that the opening of that channel should be made permanent in summer as well as in winter. This measure stands upon such national grounds that it is vastly injured and hindered by the weakness which forever couples it with the wild scheme of canal and locked rivers from the mouth of the Ohio through the mountains of Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama, and the other equally absurd scheme of a ship-canal from the Kanawha over the mountains of Virginia to Richmond. All that is secured by this kind of log-rolling is a persistent opposition from the friends of these schemes to the opening of the Mississippi River, unless a much greater sum of money be given to their own projects. The true test of the propriety and importance of expenditures for works of this kind is the value of each; any one of them that is not entitled to public support on its own merits ought not to receive such support by attaching it to others. Nothing whatever is gained by such log-rolling; on the contrary, the improvement of the means of entering the Mississippi River has been long delayed, and will be indefinitely delayed because of loading it down with wild and extravagant jobs, invented as a means of expending public money.

If the St. Louis Convention will therefore confine itself to the one great national and necessary work, it will deserve and receive the cordial support of the whole country.

OUR FOREIGN TRADE.

In political economy, the school of experience is peculiarly severe and costly. The more stupid the scholar, the higher the price he has to pay for tuition. Nations that will not learn have to go over the same weary lesson of losses, year after year, until the "damnable iteration" of disaster forces some notion of the truth upon even the most obstinate mind. In this expensive school, this country is learning the error of false theories which advocates of protection implanted, and left lingering behind them in the minds of men to curse the land. As if to uproot these heresies, stern experience reiterates, year after year, the unwelcome events which prove that the system of protection does not do what its advocates have pretended that it would.

They made many believe that this system would prevent over-trading; check the undue importation of foreign goods, into which, they claimed, the nation, if not restrained by protective grace, would surely rush; and thus cause a balance of trade in our favor. The official records for eleven months of 1872, now published in Report No. 5 from the Statistical Bureau, show an excess of imports over exports of $117,767,227 for the eleven months, or nearly $130,000,000 for the year. The excess of imports during the corresponding months of 1871 was but $48,611,567. Yet these figures embrace specie exported, and do not embrace the interest on debts previously contracted, which that specie is not sufficient to pay.

During the last fiscal year, of which we have complete returns, ending June 30, 1872, the net outgo of precious metals was $51,575,000. But the interest on American bonds held abroad certainly exceeds sixty, and probably is not far from ninety, millions. During that year the exports of domestic products, other than specie, were (in gold values) $428,355,631. The imports of foreign products for consumption were $610,903,199, and the excess of imports was $182,547,568. If this is not over-trading, what is? There is yet to be added the balance on interest account unpaid by specie exported, making the balance against us over two hundred millions, nor have we considered under-valuation of imports, or excess of freight-money paid to foreign vessels. Secretary McCulloch estimated the under-valuation at fifty millions when imports were but four hundred millions. The returns show that 72 per cent of imports and 70 per cent of exports are moved in foreign vessels, so that nearly three-quarters of all freight-money goes to foreign shippers. In view of these facts, the actual balance against us for the fiscal year 1872 can hardly be less than $250,000,000. And, as we have seen, the calendar year 1872 promises a yet more unsatisfactory showing.

Only certain half-crazy protectionists claim that any excess of imports is proof of an unhealthy condition of foreign trade. On the contrary, some such excess may be accepted as evidence of a healthy and mutually profitable exchange of commodities. If cotton is worth more in Liverpool than in New York, goods bought therewith and valued abroad for importation will exceed the export value of the cotton by the cost and profits of the shipment. But so large an excess as now exists, equal to more than one-half the entire value of exports, can by no means be thus explained. It proves beyond question a degree of over-trading, a recklessness in running into debt, which has never been equaled at any period in our history. For even in the times of wanton adventure which preceded the crash of 1837, our excess of imports was at no time as great as one-half our exports.

Constantly as experience has disproved the false notion that "protection" will restrain foreign importations, and cause a balance of trade in our favor, it has never before given so conclusive and startling a demonstration as that which now confronts us. For eleven fiscal years under the system called protective, from July 1, 1861, to June 30, 1872, inclusive, we have now full statistics, and can compare them with the eleven years preceding, in which, except for the months of April, May, and June, 1861, the lowest revenue tariff ever tried since 1820 was in force. Since 1861, imports for consumption have exceeded domestic exports other than specie by $572,609,281. But during the eleven years preceding, domestic exports other than specie exceeded imports for consumption by $84,808,749. Thus the average annual excess of exports under the revenue tariff was $5,891,704, while the average annual excess of imports under protection has been $52,053,389.

A part of this excess has indeed been paid by using paper money at home, and sending abroad our specie, but only a part. Our debts abroad, national, State, county, municipal, and corporate, were by no one estimated lower than $1,000,000,000 four years ago, and by some of the ablest financiers at $1,400,000,000, and the interest on these debts, growing ever since 1861, can scarcely have cost us less than $830,000,000 in eleven years. There remains, of our exports of specie since 1861, less than $250,000,000 to meet a deficit in merchandise exports of $572,609,281.

The protectionist cannot claim that these results are exceptional. Every experiment in protection has resulted in a balance of trade against us. The very first trial of that system, in the years 1821-24, inclusive, gave a balance of sixteen millions against us. Thinking that we had failed to check imports only because duties were not high enough, Congress adopted a higher tariff, which gave a balance against us in the years 1825-27, inclusive, of seventeen millions. Then the extreme of protection was applied, and gave, in the years 1829-32, inclusive, a balance of thirty-five millions. The people of that day had learned something in twelve years, and, to avoid a sweeping away of every vestige of the system, Clay devised the Compromise Tariff. But a fourth trial of protection, in 1843-46, inclusive, again changed a balance in our favor of twenty millions into a balance against us of eight millions. Thus at every trial of this system an adverse balance of trade has resulted, and, as we now sadly observe once more, just as our fathers did in 1832, repeated additions to the tariff only swell the excess of imports. Surely, no intelligent man will hereafter imagine that "protection" tends to prevent over-trading.

Nor will any such person deem our foreign trade in a healthy condition when imports are increasing more rapidly by half, while exports are increasing only as rapidly as population increases. A country advancing in wealth, power of production, and general prosperity, will increase both its surplus of products and its consumption of foreign goods more rapidly than its people grow in number. This country ought to advance, and in spite of protective interference does advance, in wealth more rapidly than in population; under a revenue tariff, from 1850 to 1860, it gained in population 38 per cent, and in wealth 126 per cent; and under the protective system, from 1860 to 1870, it has gained 22 per cent in population, and its wealth, diminished nominally by emancipation and actually by the losses of war, has still increased 51 per cent. Its foreign trade, in exports and imports alike, should, therefore, advance faster than its population, and our imports do thus advance. In 1860 we imported to the value of $10.71 *per capita*, and in 1861 to the value of $9.02 *per capita*, while in 1872 our imports were $15.08 *per capita*. But while our exports of domestic products other than gold were $10.07 *per capita* in 1860, and $11.09 *per capita* in 1861, they were only $10.57 *per capita* in 1872. During eleven years under the protective system, while imports have increased from $291,000,000 in 1861 to $611,000,000 in 1872, or 109 per cent, and while population has increased 22 per cent, exports have only advanced from $359,000,000 in 1861 to $428,000,000 in 1872, or 19 per cent. Is it not plain that this wide gap between purchases and payments must soon be closed, or that bankruptcy will result?

MAY HYACINTHES.

Pere Hyacinthe having fulfilled the one injunction of Scripture to take unto himself a wife, has promptly and without unnecessary delay also fulfilled the other, which bids mankind to multiply and replenish the earth. In these respects, he has shown himself to be a provident family man, a good citizen, and a conscientious theologian. Pere Hyacinthe is now *pere* in reality as well as in name. There is something very ghastly in the idea of a father without offspring,—a father who has nothing more vital to contemplate than skull and bones, or crucifix and rosary; about whose knees no children cling; who bequeaths his face and name and nature to no offspring, but wanders through the world a singular entity, one-sided, angular, an apple without a stem, a jug without a handle, a book without print, with, if the old saying be true, some wretched woman somewhere dragging through life and pining away in the shade because she has been elected to be an affinity, and never finds the complement which can make her solitude a state of blessedness. Pere Hyacinthe long ago stated the reasons why he had entered upon the state of marriage, and they were both philosophically and theologically sufficient not only to cover his own case, but that of every monk and priest in Christendom. Apart from these considerations, there are physiological grounds upon which Pere Hyacinthe might have based his cause. Mr. Francis Galton has shown very conclusively that the Church of Rome has hindered the progress of civilization by its regulations with regard to celibacy. During the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, the priesthood and other holy orders of that Church embraced in their membership a superior class of men, not only in theological dogmas, but in politics, science, literature, and the arts. It included the best intellect of Europe; but that class of men did not, as they might have done, produce a generation to follow them, which would certainly have been a generation of superior beings, who, with increased advantages, would have given to the world a higher status of civilization than was established by the inferior class, upon whom the work of populating the earth devolved. Stirpiculture, therefore, became of a lower order of character. The race did not reach the high plane it might have reached had the intellect of the Church reproduced itself in a higher type of the species, instead of preserving its brains on dusty library shelves, pressed and dried like leaves in an herbarium. There is still—although not to as large an extent as in those days when the Church was the arbiter and the repository of the arts and sciences—a large amount of waste intellect in the Catholic Church, exhausting itself in the present and doing nothing for the future. There is to-day many a parish priest whose celibacy is robbing the future of its Fenelon; many a Bishop whose single blessedness involves the loss of some twentieth-century Thomas-a-Kempis; many a Cardinal who might bequeath his red hat to a future Wolsey, or feel the delightful possibility that a Richelieu might stand some day in his red shoes, were it not for the obstacle of his vows; and there has been many a Pope who might have combined the goodness of Pius IX. and the literary and æsthetic munificence of Leo X. in some future occupant of the Vatican, but for the fact that the Popes have not paid household bills for two, and poured their joys and sorrows into a family bosom, which at the same time nourished a future hope and a family glory. To all of these, Pere Hyacinthe has set an example to be emulated—in the humble rural personage of some village priest, and among the traditional glories of the Vatican, and the solemn splendors of St. Peter's. His marriage and its prompt result gives point to the text, "It is not good for man to be alone." It is a sermon they should ponder. Pere Hyacinthe is as good a man double as he was single, as eloquent a man, as industrious, frugal, charitable, and religious. In reality, he is more so, because he now has additional helps to sanctity, a woman's infinite suggestions of usefulness, a freedom from the petty hindrances and clogs of life, and a little child to show him more clearly that kingdom whose Master he serves—"for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Hereafter Pere Hyacinthe will preach better sermons. A new element has entered into his theology which will brush out the dust and ashes, warm it up, make it more genial and kindly, put life into the dry bones, send the warm blood through the shriveled veins, and commend his words to the souls of the people. By the rite of marriage, and its happy and prompt result, he has become one of the people, and will know them better hereafter, and his heart will warm towards all men, women, and children. Mere Hyacinthe is an American woman, and all American women will offer her congratulations over the little Hyacinthe, which, like its counterpart of the garden, has come up in May, and they will send the earnest wish to her that it may be as fair and beautiful as those also.

The sickness and decline of Kate Baker, who has been detained in the Chicago jail as an important witness of the fatal encounter between two negroes, which occurred some weeks since, forms the subject of severe comment in many journals of the neighboring cities. The case is taken as an instance of the outrageous practice of using the same jail for detaining as witnesses persons who have been guilty of no crime, those who are incarcerated to wait trial and who may be innocent, and those who are serving out punishment under verdicts. The practice, from all accounts, extends pretty generally to all cities. It is one which was especially denounced by the Commissioners of Charity of this State, in their last annual report, as one of the most shameful evils of the county jail system. Without any reference to the merits of this particular case, it serves to illustrate a general abuse. Our county jails, as a rule, are scarcely fit receptacles for the most hardened criminals, but when innocent witnesses are remanded to them because they are not able to furnish bail for their appearance, the hardship is considerably increased. The atmosphere and surroundings of jail life are apt to breed sickness, both physical and moral. There is no distinction in the discipline between the guilty and those who await trial, nor between the convicts and the detained witnesses. In this manner the detaining of witnesses becomes an abuse and an outrage; and, unless some different accommodations can be provided for this class of inmates, it is a question whether the courts are serving the ends of justice by remanding them.

The Census Reports for 1870 show an increase of 9.21 per cent in the negro population of this country. The New York *World* believes, and this is most likely the case, that the increase represents the natural growth of the plantation negroes from 1860 to 1864-5, rather than an increase among the freedmen from 1865 on. Observation, without the aid of any actual statistics, induces the conclusion that mulattoes are on the increase among the colored race, and it is held that the offspring of mixed races are unproductive in nature and prone to disease and early death. The census also shows that there is a notable disposition among the colored people to abandon the agricultural pursuits in which they have been mainly useful in America and flock to the cities. There has been a very notable increase in the colored population of all the Southern cities since the War. For instance, Baltimore has added 11,669 negroes to its population since 1860; Charleston, 9,927; Memphis, 11,582; St. Louis, 13,791; New Orleans, 25,830; Washington, 24,472, and so on in proportion. The conclusion is, that the race of blacks in this country must deteriorate when they abandon the work to which they are adapted by nature and habits, and seek the lazy and slothful life of large cities, where they are at a disadvantage in competing with the whites in skilled labor and commerce, but must relapse into idleness or unprofitable pursuits. Henceforth their destiny will be a matter for the negroes to determine for themselves, as the whites have done all for them that can be expected.

NOTES AND OPINION.

—In Minnesota the party managers have set all the pins for next Governor, next United States Senator, etc., and are indulging the boys with a discussion whether the Scandinavian element ought to have the State Treasurer or the Secretary of State. Of these managers the St. Paul *Pioneer* draws this picture:

> They want puppets, not manhood. Honesty is what they dread. Independence is their horror. A suggestion of real reform sets their teeth chattering like Belshazzar at the impious feast. They do not intend to trust any one they cannot use. They claim to own the party, and propose to run it to their private advantage. Unless the patient mule kicks up his heels, they will continue to do so. While honest men are asleep, they are at work, and have already fixed up the ticket. . . . We think the old hunks have been fed long enough at the public expense.

—In Iowa, also, the party managers have set the pins for Gov. Carpenter's renomination, with a Granger on the ticket for Lieutenant-Governor, a Democrat for Judge, etc. A correspondent of the Keokuk *Constitution*, who writes as a Republican and a Granger, says:

> Gov. Carpenter was, and, so far as the public knows, is, in favor of a protective tariff. He was, and is doubtless yet, opposed to the taxation of railroads as other property in connection with State Treasurer Rankin's affairs surely cannot recommend him to the support of any honest man.

—In Pennsylvania the party managers have set the pins as usual for the election in October, and the Pittsburgh *Gazette* feels impelled to raise this warning voice:

> The *Gazette* has too long and too faithfully advocated Republican principles to be swerved from its course now. Yet it is entirely free to warn the party of a coming danger. It is time to know that over-reaching is timely enough, as several conventions have been held already, and delegates to Harrisburg selected. The idea that fidelity to Republican principles involves the indorsement of any and all kinds of trickery, by means of which nominations are made, at times, is now quite obsolete. As nearly as we can judge, and we are receiving expressions by which we can very accurately gauge public sentiment, the disposition now is, if a corrupt Republican ticket is nominated, to let it go by default.

—In a similar strain, the Pittsburgh *Evening Telegraph* (Republican) says:

> The great body of Republicans are tired of the thraldom of the party, and are determined that it shall be purified and elevated; that it shall be relieved of the incubus that rests upon it in Pennsylvania, even if it has to be accomplished by the defeat of the candidates that may be foisted upon it by these corrupt managers.

—A farmer, writing in the Galena (Ill.) *Gazette*, declares "the last Congress was a pack of thieves," and says:

> The lover of a government of the people cannot but be alarmed at the direction everything pertaining to political matters and public position is taking in this country. When he contrasts the exhibition of self-sacrifice and public virtue manifested by all classes during our late terrible civil war, with the exhibition of rascality displayed by the public servants of the people, from the close of the war to the present time, it comes very near startling him out of his well settled faith in a republican form of government.

—The Republican convention at Monmouth, Ill., May 13, was called to nominate John J. Glenn, of Monmouth, for Circuit Judge, and performed that duty after a majority of the delegates had retired. The Knox County men will continue to support Judge Arthur A. Smith, of Galesburg, for re-election. James H. Stewart, of Monmouth, is an independent candidate.

—Treasurer Spinner, in acknowledging a remittance from Congressman Cotton, of Iowa, pleasingly remarks that the bonds forwarded gained $48 in value while on the way.

—The Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minn., desired to bring in a criminal indictment against the defaulting State Treasurer, but Gov. Austin flatly refused to answer any summons or to furnish any evidence upon which the jury could act. They did this a little differently in Des Moines, but to the same effect, having there packed a Grand Jury expressly that the defaulting State Treasurer of Iowa should not be indicted. These things are done in the interest and name of "party."

—The Pittsburgh *Commercial*, speaking of the conference of Congressmen at St. Louis, says:

> The members are evidently going in "for a good time," and will probably need mighty little tempting or baiting from Col. Scott before he has made his hook fast in their gills—if he undertakes to "capture" them.

—It is highly probable that an extra session of Congress may be called before or during the dog-days, which would considerably interfere with business at Long Branch.—*Harrisburg (Pa.) State Journal.*

—It is not fair in the *Nation* newspaper to demand, at the very outset of the Farmers' Movement, a precise programme of their future operations, and an exact exhibit of the means and methods by which they propose to work. It must be remembered that the

THE FIRST GUN.

Inauguration of the Local Political Campaign.

Meeting of the Germans of the Seventeenth Ward.

A. C. Hesing and "Buffalo" Miller Announce Their Departure from the Republican Party.

A meeting of Seventeenth Ward Germans was held at Thielemann's Theatre, on Clybourn avenue, yesterday evening, for the purpose of organizing a movement toward changing the present state of municipal affairs at the election next fall. There were about 200 persons in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. A. Hottinger, who proceeded to make a speech denunciatory of the manner in which the city government is being run. He said he believed that the so-called temperance notions, with which the heads of our local rulers seem to be full, could be eradicated as well as slavery had been. He was opposed to tyranny in every form and could see nothing but tyranny in the action of the present City Government. The Germans would, unquestionably, obey the law, or what is called law, but would seek their redress, with other liberal people, at the polls next November.

Messrs. Adolph Schoeninger and Frick were elected President and Secretary, respectively.

The former said that the object of the meeting was to organize a movement, regardless of party politics, whereby the liberties of the people could be secured and retained. It appeared to be the aim of the present City Government to abridge the Constitutional rights of citizens, and make them subservient to its will. The Germans had come under its Know-Nothing displeasure more than any other people, but they were determined to assert their manhood, and let the so-called temperance people know that they were neither drunkards, serfs, nor fools. They were determined to get rid of tyrants and retain their liberties. It was to organize for this purpose that the meeting had been called. The speaker hoped that the movement would be of such a character that the three German papers could conscientiously unite in its support, and that other people, who were suffering from the Know-Nothing oppression, could join in it.

Mr. Knobelsdorff was the next speaker. He made a very excited address, saying that the Germans had been driven to organize for self-protection by the narrow-minded men who are at the head of municipal affairs and who are endeavoring to force their own sectarian and Know-Nothing opinions down the public throat. They had succeeded in this, to a great degree, owing to the fact that the people had been misinformed grossly by the English journals. The Germans were determined to stand the oppression no longer. They were going to organize for the preservation of the rights and privileges guaranteed them by the Constitutions of the country and the State. They were going to battle for those inestimable benefits at the polls, for they were a law-abiding and moral people, averse to mob-government and difficulty with constituted authority. He believed the result of the November election in Chicago would be a stern rebuke to the Know-Nothing and so-called temperance element. It would show them that the Germans and people of other nationalities were not puritanical, but progressive and free, in their ideas, and jealous of their political rights. The movement should not fail, if liberty-loving men joined in it, and helped spread it to other divisions of the city between now and November. Germans must support it, or become the slaves of tyrants.

The following were appointed a Committee on Resolutions: Messrs. Knobelsdorff, Karls, Schmehl, Langacher, and Lindan.

Mr. A. C. Hesing, being loudly called for, mounted the platform, and spoke in favor of any movement which would free the people from the thraldom of narrow views and national prejudices, by which our municipal rulers seemed to be swayed. If such a movement could be organized by Republicans and Democrats who believed in freedom of thought and action, and who were anxious to preserve the constitutional liberties of the people, so much the better. The success of the city was being imperilled by the Know-Nothing course of the men in power. The record of the Germans in this city and in other cities throughout the country could be pointed to with pride by every German. They were not drunkards because they loved the convivial beer, yet the English press of the city had endeavored to make them appear as such. Their history in the war for the preservation of the Union and the abolition of slavery was as honorable as that of any other people. They showed their patriotism and love of American institutions on many a gory field. But it seemed, from present appearances, that a Legislature could be elected there to be trod under foot in civil life. Their moral record was clearly shown by the national statistics of crime. Know-Nothingism was striving to get the upper hand again in this city, but it would be put down as it was before. Native Americans had produced more public men at whom the finger of scorn could be pointed than foreigners. What was Colfax? Was he a foreigner? Were Brooks, and Ames, and the other public men who had earned for themselves the contempt of the whole country in the Credit Mobilier matter, foreigners? The speaker closed by saying that he would vote for any man, be he Republican, Liberal, or Democrat, who would exert himself to keep the personal rights of citizens inviolate.

Mr. "Buffalo" Miller was the next speaker. He told some funny stories, denounced the temperance people and the Temperance law, and said that he would never again vote a Republican ticket. He would be a Democrat henceforward, and would advocate the election of men who would faithfully represent the people and preserve their liberties.

At this point the Committee on Resolutions announced that it was ready to report, and the Chairman proceeded to read the result of its labors. The resolutions called upon all Germans to join in the movement against temperance, and for the maintenance of the rights and privileges guaranteed by the Constitution. Liberal men of all parties were invited to take this work, as the Germans did not wish to be exclusive. The three German papers of the city were also called upon to support the movement, and all Germans were advised to summarily dispose of that sheet which would be the first to raise a disturbance or throw cold water on the plans of the leaders. The resolutions were adopted unanimously.

Mr. Francis A. Hoffman, Jr., spoke in favor of sinking party prejudices in the coming campaign. In order to show how he felt about the matter, he turned about and shook hands with Mr. Hesing. This was to signify the union of German Democracy and German Republicanism.

The Chair announced the following as the Ward Executive Committee: Messrs. Schnabel, Karls, Hahne, Brand, Hoffman, Dromm, Merke, Lengacher, Bleime, Fricke, Lindan, Lewis, and Hottenger.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

The anniversary reception and donation at the Home for the Friendless is deferred until Thursday, the 19th inst.

There will be an entertainment given by the young people of the Third Unitarian Church, this evening, for the benefit of the Sunday-School Library.

Owners are wanted, at the Central Station, for a chest of tea, a trunk containing a lot of patent money-drawers, and a bolt of valuable cloth, which have been picked up the police during the past week.

On Monday evening next an entertainment for the benefit of the Nursery and Half-Orphan Asylum, will be given at Standard Hall. There will be a concert and a ball, and the arrangements, being in the hands of the lady managers, those who attend are assured of a pleasant evening.

On Robey street, between Jackson and Van Buren, a "to let" ticket has been posted on a domicile in substitution for a yellow "Smallpox here" announcement, which has been frightening passers-by for a month past. Don't all apply at once.

The Council Committee on Licenses met yesterday afternoon, and agreed to report against the passage of the ordinance requiring every owner of a vehicle to take out a license. This precious document was a creation of the brain of the Hon. Arthur Dixon, commonly known as the "teamster's friend."

It was stated in THE TRIBUNE the other day that Mr. Wheeler, who occupied the position of boss puddler at the shop of the Chicago Plate and Rail Mill Company, was discharged for good reasons. It appears that he resigned, and this correction is made at his request.

Yesterday afternoon three boys, named Charles Fieldmack, Charles Burges, and Willie Serrin ran away from their homes, and have not since been heard of. Fieldmack lives at No. 834 Warren avenue, and took away with him his mother's gold watch, a Masonic ring, and a revolver. None of them were over 10 years old.

Yesterday afternoon a German teamster named Carl Mach, while in an intoxicated condition, fell out of his wagon on Clybourn avenue, and, alighting on his head, broke his neck, and was instantly killed. He lived in the country. His body was taken to the Webster Avenue Station to await the action of the Coroner.

The gamblers who were arrested for vagrancy, on Tuesday afternoon, were yesterday morning held under $200 bail in each case, for further examination, which means that they were let go long enough to engage in borrowing money, or something of the sort, so that they can come into court, and show that they have an occupation outside of gambling.

The Woman's Hospital of the State of Illinois has been removed to the new building recently purchased by the Board of Governors, No. 229 Thirteenth street. Extensive alterations are being made in the house, and until those are completed the Managers will not be able to receive any new patients either as inmates or in the dispensary attached to the institution. Due notice will be given of the reopening.

The Commissioners of Lincoln Park have suspended the ordinance in relation to fast driving on the Lake-Shore Drive on Fridays of each week, from 2 to 7 o'clock p. m. The speeding of horses will be permitted at the time mentioned above, from Diversey street to the Circle,—south to the point where the Drive defiects into the Park. All parties driving will keep to the right. Sulkies will not be admitted.

The alarm of fire from box 278, at half-past 6 o'clock yesterday morning, was caused by the discovery of flames in the old Union street Police Station, between Randolph and Lake streets, which many a bummer and cast-off will remember tenderly as a lodging-house during the past winter. The fire is believed to have been started by an incendiary. Loss, $300, fully insured. The house is the property of the city.

An interesting part of the testimony in hearing before the Commissioners on the exchange of city and Government property for Library purposes, has to do with fixing the value of the walls of the old Post-Office building as they stand. The evidence taken from experts is to the effect that, for general business uses, they are worth nothing, except for debris, as the building is not on the business line, and could not be adapted for a business house without being torn down. The question is solely, What is the material worth?

A meeting of the Sons of Portsmouth—men who were born in the Navy-Yard city of New Hampshire—was held at No. 188 State street last evening, for the purpose of making arrangements to attend the celebration in commemoration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of the city. The attendance was not very large. A committee was appointed to visit the railroad managers and learn if a reduction in the fare could be secured. Another meeting will be held next Wednesday evening.

We understand that the vestry and Building Committee of Trinity (Episcopal) Church decide on their Church plans this week. Those now under consideration have been prepared by Mr. Gordon H. Lloyd, of Detroit, and are thoroughly ecclesiastical in their style of architecture, without any very costly ornamentation externally, the design being to secure a more effective as well as ornate interior. We hope to give our readers full particulars in a few days. The rector, the Rev. Edward Sullivan, to-day closes the fifth year of his residence in Chicago, and celebrates it by meeting his congregation socially, at the residence of W. M. Tilden, Esq., No. 630 Wabash avenue. The occasion will, probably, be one of much interest and enjoyment. The reverend gentleman also proposes preaching his quintennial anniversary sermon next Sunday evening.

Yesterday morning Dick Lathrop and his wife, Lottie Palmer, were before Justice Scully, on the charge of bigamy. The case was continued until the 24th inst., in default of bail, the prosecuting attorney having witnesses to prove that the law had left them single before they were united in matrimony. A good strong link in a chain of evidence, which would prove the contrary, was received by Sergt. Sam. Ellis, yesterday morning, in the shape of a dispatch from Racine, Wis., signed by J. W. Palmer, and which read as follows: "Lottie Palmer is innocent; she is married, if married to Mike Lathrop." It is asserted on good authority that Mrs. Lottie Palmer has married and remarried, but has never been unmarried, neither by death nor by the law. She has led a life replete with romance, having been a circus-rider. No bail was given in the cases, and whereas, a few short weeks ago, Dick Lathrop and Mrs. Lottie Palmer stood before a church altar in bridal rig, to-day they may languish in the damp and mould of the Cook County Jail.

THEY TOOK HIM IN.

The Thief Who Robbed the St. Louis Public Library Arrested in Chicago—His Career Among the Faro-Banks.

A man named George Shumaway, alias Wilson, Thompson, Brown, etc., who has figured somewhat prominently in this city and St. Louis as a gambler and thief, was arrested yesterday morning on LaSalle street by a St. Louis detective named O'Neil, and Denny Simmons, of the city force. Shumaway was arrested on the charge of having broken into the rooms of the Mercantile Library of St. Louis, one night in the month of March last, and extracting therefrom two oil paintings valued at $2,500 apiece, and $10,000 worth of ancient coin. The circumstances which led to his arrest are as follows: The efforts of the police having failed to ferret out the whereabouts of the goods, or to fix the identity of the burglar, the Librarian of the institution, Mr. John W. Dyer, inserted a card in the city papers, stating that $200 reward would be paid for the return of the goods, and no disclosures would be made. One day the Librarian received a card stating that the missing property was at his disposal, at a certain place, on Broadway, in St. Louis. The Librarian went there, and it was delivered to him by Shumaway, minus two valuable medals. A reward of $175 was paid to Shumaway. The party who effected the recovery of the property, and were determined to know who the deliverer was. The Librarian, being a gentleman of honor, declined to betray him, but was finally brought before the Grand Jury, and compelled to disclose Shumaway's name and residence. But, before this, that smart rascal had left the city, and had come to Chicago, which was his former home. Yesterday morning Detective O'Neil arrived in the city, in quest of him. It was believed that only an exhaustive search would reveal his hiding place. But, happily, in this the detectives were mistaken. Detective Denny Simmons was detailed to assist O'Neil, and these two had not walked three blocks away from the City Hall before they espied their game. He was arrested without difficulty and lodged in the Central Station. Not long after his arrest, Constable Jarls, Hahne, Brand, Hoffman, Dromm, Merke, Lengacher, Bleime, Fricke, Lindan, Lewis, and Hottenger.

Shumaway, it would seem, has made a business of robbing the money-drawers of faro-banks, which, since stealing stolen money is only a slight offense, is somewhat commendable. Last winter he robbed a faro-drawer in St. Louis of $1,000, and, as the money could not be found upon on his person, he was acquitted in the Police Court of the charge. He is a young man, about 30 years old, slight in build, blue eyes, and a shrewd operator. He was taken to St. Louis last night.

To the Pigeon-Shooting Match.

The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Stock Yards dummy will make an extra trip to-day, leaving the Harrison street depot at 12:15 p. m., to accommodate those wishing to attend the pigeon-shooting match at Dexter Park.

THE PLANS.

Result of Yesterday's Meeting of the Committee.

The Number of Competitors Reduced to Six.

How Mr. Tilley Destroyed His Chances by Carelessness.

Since the eventful day when Ald. Ogden declared that "We, the Chairman of this Committee," did not want any reporters to chronicle the actions of that Committee in the selection of plans, the gentlemen and others representing the daily papers were not admitted to their sessions. Even the janitor's brother failed to steal surreptitious admittance. And, though more than one column of a certain disreputable newspaper was printed, purporting to be a report of the doings of the Committee, not one word of it contained a syllable of truth.

The Joint Committee met yesterday morning and discussed matters in the chilly privacy of Kentucky Block. They adjourned till afternoon, when six plans were to be chosen of the sixteen which had been sifted out from the forty-nine. Mayor Medill was present. Aldermen Ogden, Bailey, Heath, McGenniss, and Schmitz; County Commissioners Lonergan, Herting, Galloway, Singer, and Bogue; and Public Works Commissioners Thompson, Carter, and Prindiville were also present.

The Committee, after discussing the merits of some of the plans, took a vote, which resulted in the choice of the plans of the following architects: Messrs. Matz, Gay, Burling & Adler, Randall, and Wheelock & Thomas. Six more ballots were had, and No. 8, the work of a foreign architect, was admitted at the earnest solicitation of Ald. Ogden, who desired to give the author a complimentary vote. This argument for the choice of No. 8 has already been pressed by Ald. Ogden three times. The question is whether No. 8 will not receive the first premium by a complimentary vote.

The article published in the *Times* yesterday criticising the plans of several architects produced some slight talk among the Committee. The writer, while praising the really handsome and strikingly original design of Mr. Tilley, indulged in some strong language in reference to Messrs. Burling & Adler. It is charged by a gentlemen with a direct attempt to bribe a reporter of that paper with a pair of costly sleeve-buttons and a set of studs to match. So unreliable is the *Times* generally that the article had directly the opposite effect to that intended. The Committee were inclined to throw Mr. Tilley overboard, and accept Messrs. Burling & Adler, with no better reason for so doing than that a direct charge had been made against the latter by a newspaper which was noted for its untruthfulness. This is to be greatly regretted. If the charge is true, it is sufficient cause for the exclusion of this design, and can be proven very readily. The city editor of the *Times*, or the reporter to whom the bribe was sent, will doubtless testify to the fact, if it is a fact. It is the intention of the Committee to investigate the matter, and, should the charge be sustained, to drop Messrs. Burling & Adler without more ado. If the charge is false, another libel suit will be added to the already extended list arrayed on the legal slate against the paper which published it.

Mr. Tilley's plan received the warmest commendation from the Committee for its originality, beauty, and harmony, but the architect has made an error for which he should never forgive himself,—an error of sheer carelessness, by which he has lost the fruits of all his labor. One member of the Committee said: "He must have been inspired when he drew that plan, so perfect does it seem;" but, like many another man of genius, he has let a trifling error ruin him. His design covers a projected eight-foot public street, and beyond the limits of the Court-House Square. This piece of carelessness is deplorable, because it cannot be remedied without destroying the symmetry of the structure.

The plan of Messrs Armstrong & Egan found a staunch supporter in Ald. Bailey, who has the contract for the County Jail, in process of construction, according to plans furnished by this firm. His influence, however, failed to save it, and it went by the board without creating any great stir.

On the first ballot, Messrs. Cochrane & Miller received but three votes, and on the remainder their stock never rose higher than five. This result was entirely unexpected, and will create considerable amusement among the fraternity.

Messrs. Rankin & Gurney were dropped again, but this was to be expected. They are entirely out in the cold now.

Of the nine plans selected on April 23, the following have been dropped: Messrs. Cochrane & Miller, Welsh, Tilley, Karls, and Armstrong & Egan. Those that remain of the nine are Otto Matz, Henry L. Gay, Burling & Adler, and Wheelock & Thomas; No. 8 and Randall have been added to the list.

The next step contemplated by the Committee is one which will meet the views of the tax-payers. They will employ an expert (not a bogus one, but a genuine expert) to inspect every one of the plans and specifications, and estimate the cost. The gentleman who is thought of is a Scotchman who has made a business of this inspection, having been carefully educated to it. His labors in this city have saved property-owners large sums of money during the rebuilding season, by correcting the charges of contractors after the architects had passed upon them. To those gentlemen who have employed him he has saved about 15 per cent of what their buildings would have cost. He has been in the city a little more than a year.

On Wednesday next, the Committee will inspect the written descriptions sent in by the architects, confining themselves to the sixteen from among whom were chosen the six fortunate gentlemen named above.

What they will do then is not definitely known to themselves.

PERSONAL.

R. C. Phillips, Cincinnati's Civil Engineer, is at Anderson's.

Senator C. W. Upton, of Waukegan, was at the East Side Briggs yesterday.

Col. Benj. Kroger, Astoria, is at the West Side Briggs House.

The Hon. W. E. Loffingwell, M. C., of Lyons, Iowa, is at the East Side Briggs.

The Hon. A. Principal, of Rensselaer, N.Y., is at the West Side Briggs House.

Ira Ramsdell, Adrian, Mich., slumbers at the West Side Briggs.

Ralph Waldo Emerson left the Gardner, for the West, yesterday morning.

T. D. Jermain, of the Milwaukee *Sentinel*, is at the West Side Briggs House.

Maj. B. E. Crofton, of the United States Army, was at the Sherman House yesterday.

Capt. McGraw, Chief of Police, Quincy, left the West Side Briggs House yesterday.

The Hon. William Windom, M. C., of Minnesota, was at the Sherman House yesterday.

C. F. Jarrett, Esq., formerly of Aurora, but now of New York, is at the East Side Briggs.

Judge J. P. Mansfield and Col. J. M. Ford, of Detroit, were at the Matteson House yesterday.

"Rip Van Winkle" Jefferson's agent, Mr. W. S. Lockyer, left the West Side Briggs House last night for St. Louis.

The Hon. Chancellor Zabriska, of New Jersey, and Gen. M. M. Knapp, are at the Sherman House, en route for San Francisco.

Leander Bandee, Edward J. Steel, James S. Libby, Michael J. Costello, and Matthew McGuirk were yesterday appointed regular members of the police force.

Mr. J. F. Rudolphsen, the well-known base singer, who was one of the soloists at the Cincinnati Festival, is stopping at the Sherman House for a few days.

J. W. Coon, the billiardist, has been heard from in Mexico. He will be here about the 1st of July, and, in all likelihood, will represent Chicago in the three-ball tournament.

A party of Bostonians, connected with the Atlantic, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, breakfasted at the Sherman yesterday morning, and left the city during the day for the Southwest.

The following were among the distinguished arrivals at the Gardner yesterday: H. W. French, Hartford, Conn.; W. F. Griffith, Philadelphia; Charles D. Darling, Boston; H. T. Kimball, Massachusetts.

Merritt H. Dement, of the firm of Dement & Gray, short-hand writers and law reporters, will leave for Europe this afternoon. His health has been somewhat impaired by hard work, and his object in going abroad is to recuperate.

The following were at the Sherman House yesterday: Dr. Kuhn, Reading, Pa.; George W. Tuttle, Rochester; A. P. Baldwin, Akron, O.; John Whitley, Toronto; Dr. George B. Graff, Omaha; Mrs. E. Green, Philadelphia; E. P. Cropsey, Lincoln; E. H. Kellogg, Milwaukee.

The following were at the East Side Briggs yesterday: D. J. Fenkins, Muscatine, Iowa; W. P. McCormick, Clinton, Iowa; J. M. Williams, New Marion; Charles F. Thompson, Cincinnati; J. K. Hamilton, Fond du Lac; William Pearson, New York; S. C. Watkins, Wentworth, Kan.

At the general meeting held this evening by the Italian Society, at the Masonic Building, corner of Randolph and Halsted streets, the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year: A. Molinelli, President; F. Fiorentini, Vice-President; Charles Raggio, Treasurer; A. Valestoo, Financial Secretary; A. Zorra, Corresponding Secretary; G. Lagadi, L. Arata, G. Botto, L. Gandolfo, G. Calla, Committee.

Mr. Joseph Kenny, long a worthy member of the Chicago police force, has sent in his resignation as Roundsman, and will enter upon the duties of Constable, having been elected to the office last April. Mr. Kenny has been a most efficient officer, and the force could not well afford to lose many such men, simply because it has not got them.

Mrs. Prof. Fawcett and husband purpose an American tour.

There is a great rivalry between Dan Rice and Ole Bull for the championship and $1,000 a side, as farewellists. Colfax will challenge the victor.

The Rev. Z. M. Humphrey, formerly of Chicago, preached his fifth anniversary sermon as pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, last Sunday.

Judge Clifford, of Maine, now senior Justice of the United States Supreme Court, contemplates paying a visit to California the coming season.

There is one man in his party who, if Gen. Grant should see fit to appoint as Chief Justice, would be well received by the bar and the people. We allude to William M. Evarts, of New York. He is eminently qualified for the position. But we have not the slightest idea that he will be selected. Some small, pettifogging lawyer-politician, like Senator Conkling, will be put in the place once honored by Jay, Marshall, Taney, and Chase. If Grant didn't do this, he wouldn't be Grant.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

By arrangement, the libel for divorce filed by the Hon. Charles Sumner against his wife on the ground of desertion, came up for hearing before Judge Colt in the Supreme Court to-day. F. V. Balch appeared as counsel for Mr. Sumner, and Sydney Bartlett and J. K. Lothrop for Mrs. Sumner. Although the case was heard in the regular court-room, it was conducted in as quiet a manner that few of the spectators present were aware what was transpiring. Neither the libelee or libelant were present, and, after hearing one witness, Judge Colt decreed Mr. Sumner

THE SLUNG-SHOT MURDER.

Coroner's Inquest on the Body of Charles P. Wickstrom.

Testimony of Witnesses of the Affray Between Deceased and His Murderer, John Miller.

Coroner Stephens yesterday held an inquest at the County Hospital, on the body of Charles P. Wickstrom, the murdered Swede, the circumstances of whose death were given in THE TRIBUNE of Wednesday. The following is the evidence elicited:

Dr. Swanson, sworn: I made a post-mortem examination of the body of Charles Wickstrom, at the Morgue, May 14, 1873. I found no marks of injury upon the body. I found a wound upon the posterior right side of head. Upon opening the head I found the skull fractured and the brain broken down, and considerable pus formed. The pus is the result of the inflammation after the injury. In my opinion, the wound was his death from the injury received upon the head. The wound was produced apparently by some blunt instrument, that would crush the skull by the blow. A slung-shot or small hammer would produce such a wound, but a fall would not.

John Engman, sworn: I reside at No. 199 North Wells street. I have been acquainted with Wickstrom since 1870. I knew Miller also. He was my roommate at the same boarding-house. After the dance Wickstrom and myself started to go to bed. Miller went up with us. Miller and Wickstrom got into a quarrel. Miller told him to get out. Miller got out and not be fooling around there. The quarrel ended by Wickstrom calling Miller a thief. Miller put this hand in the inside pocket of his coat as if looking for something to strike him (Wickstrom) with. Wickstrom said "I know you have got a sling-shot, but I am not afraid." I went between the two men. I told Wickstrom to go to bed, and took him by the coat and locked him into the room, and closed the door. Wickstrom then undressed and went to bed. Nelson then came into the room. Carlson, the proprietor of the house, came into the room, and asked Wickstrom why he had abused Miller, saying that Miller complained that he (Wickstrom) had called him a thief. Wickstrom said that Miller was in the habit of running from one boarding-house to another, without paying his debts, and of stealing his baggage and running away. Carlson then went away. Wickstrom then jumped out of bed and started out of the door, into the hall, saying he wanted to see Carlson and tell him what kind of a man Miller was. I told him not to go, but he went out. I then saw Miller come up the back stairway. I heard a heavy crack or blow, and then a fall. Then I saw Miller run back very quick and go down the same stairs. Nelson and myself went out into the hall. We carried Wickstrom to bed. Wickstrom said that Miller struck him with a knife on the back of the head.

Joseph Carlson, sworn: I have seen the body in the dead-house. It is that of Charles P. Wickstrom, who boarded with me. I saw him last alive at my boarding-house, on last Saturday evening. He was complaining of a wound in the head. He stated to me that he was a blow given him by Charles Miller, also a boarder at my house. The wound given by the wife was the same in substance as that of Engman.]

Charles Nelson, sworn: I reside at No. 192 North Wells street. I am a boarder at that house. I was acquainted with Charles Wickstrom, the deceased, before death. He was a boarder in the same place. Two weeks ago last Saturday there was a dance at my boarding-house. Wickstrom was present at the dance, also a man by the name of Miller. I do not know of any trouble between them. That night about 12 o'clock I went up stairs to go to bed. When I got opposite the room occupied by Wickstrom, a man named John Engman was standing in the door of the room, and Wickstrom was in bed. He came outside of the door into the hall. Just then Miller came up stairs from the back part of the house that leads down to his (Miller's) bed-room. He passed the door of my room without going into it immediately forward I heard a heavy fall, and then Miller ran by my door again, and jumped down the stairway. I had to pass through the room occupied by deceased, and John Engman to get into my own. I saw Wickstrom standing in the door of the room occupied by deceased. Engman and myself there came out after the fall, and found Wickstrom lying in the hall. Carlson, the proprietor of the house, came up-stairs at the same time, and walked out. Carlson asked me what was the matter. Wickstrom said "Miller has hit me." We lifted Wickstrom up and I saw a wound in the back of his head. He was bleeding from the wound. We put him to bed, and left him there. Miller left the house. From the time that Wickstrom left the bed until I heard the fall was not one minute. There was no one in the hall but Miller. I do not know of any trouble between Wickstrom and the other boarders. Miller left the house on Sunday morning. The next day I saw him in the yard, and soon after some one said that Miller had gone. He was pointing out new him in the yard. I did not speak to Miller about the case when he passed the door; he went so quick it was impossible for me to see whether he had anything in his hands or not. Wickstrom had been drinking some previous to the fall. I never saw Miller have a sling-shot.

The verdict of the jury was "that the said Charles P. Wickstrom, now lying dead at the County Hospital, in the City of Chicago, came to his death May 12, 1873, from inflammation of the brain, produced by a fracture of the skull; and we, the jury, find the said injury was produced by some instrument in the hands of John Miller."

The police know the whereabouts of Miller, and will have him in custody before the reader has finished perusing the above testimony.

MAKING THE FEATHERS FLY.

Sweepstakes Pigeon-Shooting at Dexter Park Yesterday Afternoon.

The first of a series of pigeon-shooting events, arranged to take place at Dexter Park, occurred yesterday afternoon. It was a sweepstakes of $25 each under the English rules, there being twenty-three entries. The peculiarity of the English rules is that five ground-traps are used, placed five yards apart at equal distances from the score, with which they communicate by short cords. The shooter, not knowing the trap that is to be pulled, must keep an eye on the five, so that the difficulty of the undertaking is largely increased. Some compensation, however, is found in the privilege of using the second barrel if the first fails to bring down the bird. Some very fine shots were made in this way, two birds being dropped by Messrs. Thomas and H. H. Kleinman at a range of over 60 yards. The crack shots were out in full force, but they made a poor showing, Paine, Tinker, and Bogardus being about the poorest on the entire list. It was to be expected that they would suffer some disadvantage, as the various competitors were handicapped, the best shots being required to shoot at 30 yards' rise, while others were placed at 28, 27, 26, 25, 24, and 23 yards respectively. The day was exceedingly cold, and the birds, though wild, were dumpish and hard to raise from the trap. This operated seriously against good scores, as nearly all the pigeons would walk off three or four yards from the trap before taking wing. The progress of the match was very much retarded thereby, and when darkness overtook the marksmen they had shot at but 110 birds each, and the match was postponed until this forenoon at 10 o'clock. Below is the score as far as shot:

Name.	Yards rise.	Score.
I. A. Paine	30	0 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 0—5
M. W. Tinker	30	0 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 0—4
A. H. Bogardus	30	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—9
A. Kleinman	30	1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1—9
M. L. Johnson	28	0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1—8
E. Price	28	1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1—8
J. J. Kleinman	28	1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1—8
C. Kleinman	26	1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1—8
T. Stacy	29	1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1—7
D. T. Elston	28	1 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 0—5
N. Doxey	28	1 0 0 1 0 1 1 1 1—7
G. Johnson	24	1 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 0—5
J. Farnsworth	28	1 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 1—7
Ab Price	27	1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1—7
R. Thomas	28	1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0—7
D. Herman	25	1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0—7
Alex. Price	23	1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 1—6
H. Cousins	26	1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1—7
W. B. Wilcox	26	1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1—7
W. F. Johnson	25	1 1 1 1 0 1 0 0 1—6
C. Fiss	26	0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1—7
J. Spencer	26	1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1—7

This afternoon Bogardus and Tinker shoot for the American championship and $1,000, the match consisting of 100 single rises each, according to the Rhode Island rules. The announcement is made for the information of the public, and with no intention to put to shame the niggardly policy of the managers of yesterday's shooting, who violated all precedent by exacting an admission fee from the reporters of the press.

To Be Continued.

The reduction in prices of furniture at Potter, King & Co.'s, Nos. 298, 298, and 298 Wabash avenue. Black walnut marble-top chamber suits for $60.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Financial News.

NEW YORK, May 14.—Depression was the feature in financial affairs to-day. Reports of a probable advance in the Bank of England rates of interest to-morrow to 6 per cent stiffened gold and exchange, but the bearish feeling on the Stock Exchange was quite strong, and resulted in a decline, ranging from ¼ to 2¾ per cent.

Money easy most of the time at 6@7 per cent, rising to 7, gold, on an increased demand, and closing at the highest.

Sterling strong at 108¾@108¾ for 60 days, and 109⅞@110 for sight.

Gold irregular, ranging from 111⅜ to 112, closing at 111⅝@112. Loans at 6@7 per cent. Clearings, $31,000,000. Treasury disbursements, $272,000. Customs receipts, $488,000.

Governments steady and dull.

State bonds nominal.

Stocks more active, at generally declining rates, with great pressure to sell. Pacific Mail was particularly heavy, large blocks of stock changing hands. The rumor of opposition to the English line on the Chiles route was again heard with marked effect, but rests only on the fact that the steamer Altoona came to San Francisco, where she was chartered to take a cargo to England. Erie was also heavy, in sympathy with London prices. Western Union was the only strong stock on the list. The chief fluctuations were: Pacific Mail, 39 4⅝; 47⅛; Erie, 39¾@40, 39¾, 39¾@40; Western Union, 80¾@81⅛; C. C. & I. C., 32⅞@33; Wabash, 81⅛@81¾; Rock Island, 103¾@104; Fort Wayne, 80¾@81; St. Paul, 58¾@59, 59¼@59¾; Ohio, 41¼@41¾; Lake Shore, 89¾@90¼, 90¼; New York Central, 100⅝@100¾; Rock Island, 103¾@104; Michigan Central, 99¾@100; Illinois Central, 126½@127.

The market, after steadying somewhat in the afternoon, finally closed dull and heavy.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Coupons, '81	121	Coupons '67	120¼
5-20s of '65	113¾	Coupons, '68	113¾
Coupons, '64	115¾	New 5s	114¾
Coupons, '65	117¾	10-40s	113½
Coupons, '65 (new)	118	Currency 6s	116½

STATE BONDS.

Missouris	86½	Virginias, old	49
Tennessee, old	61¾	North Carolinas, old	30
Tennessee, new	61¾	North Carolinas, new	16
Virginia, new	49		

STOCKS.

Canton	100¼	St. Paul	54¾
W. U. Tel	100	St Paul pfd	72¾
Western Union	80¾	Wabash	82¾
Quicksilver	36½	Wabash pfd	53¾
Adams Express	96	Fort Wayne	80¾
Wells Fargo	80¾	Terre Haute	15
American Express	67¾	Terre Haute pfd	40
United States Ex	37½	Chicago & Alton	130¾
Pacific Mail	47⅝	Chicago & Alton pfd	109
New York Central	100⅝	Ohio & Mississippi	41¼
Erie	39¾	C., C. & C	89¾
Erie pfd	57¾	C., C. & I. C	33¾
Harlem	120	Lake Shore	90¼
Harlem pfd	127	Indiana Central	30¾
Michigan Central	104	Illinois Central	115
C. & P	30¾	Union Pacific	30¾
Northwestern	80	Central Pacific bonds	106¾
Northwestern pfd	85¾	Union Pacific bonds	86
Rock Island	103	Del. Lack. & Western	103
N. J. Central	105¾	Hartford & Erie	3¾

Foreign Markets.

LONDON, May 14—5 p. m.—Consols, 93¼ for money; 93⅝ on account; 5-20s, '65, 91¾; do '67, 93¾; 10-40s, 88¾; new 5s, 84¾; Erie, 46¾.

The amount of bullion deposited in bank on balance to-day was £8,000.

Sugar, spot 30s@32s 6d, afloat 26s@30s 9d.

PARIS, May 14.—Rentes, 54f 87c.

LIVERPOOL, May 14—Evening.—Cotton firmer but not higher; middling uplands, 8¾d; middling Orleans, 9¼d; sales 15,000 bales; speculation and export, 4,000; American, 4,000; April and May shipment, from Gosport Savannah and Charleston, 8¾@8¾d; June delivery, Savannah or Charleston, 9⅛d; May delivery do, 8½d; April and May shipment, New Orleans, 9 1-16d; shipped from New Orleans, 9 1-16d; shipped from New Orleans, deliverable May June, 8¾d; shipped from Savannah and Charleston, deliverable May, July and August, 8¾d; June delivery, New Orleans, 9 1-16d.

Breadstuffs quiet. Cheese 70s. Cumberland middlings and bacon unchanged.

ANTWERP, May 14.—Refined petroleum, 40¾f.

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

BUFFALO, May 14.—Cattle to-day, including 46 cars reported to arrive, 1,615; total for the week, 6,350. Market very lively at yesterday's prices; about 1,000 disposed of; sales, 732 Illinois steers, 1,038 to 1,419 lbs, at $5.70@6.65; 150 Illinois stillers, 1,140 lbs at $5.90; 93 Illinois stockers, 985 lbs, at $5.75; 200 Texas steers, 993 to 1,186 lbs, at $5.10@5.85; 16 Missouri steers, 1,124 lbs, at $5.75; 28 Missouri cows, 1,806 lbs, at $5.00; 36 Kansas steers, 1,089 lbs, at $5.85; 29 Michigan stock, 115 lbs, at $4.87½; 44 Canada stockers, 696 to 801 lbs, at $4.75@5.00; 32 Ohio stillers, 996 to 1,106 lbs, at $5.62½@5.65.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts to-day, 2,900. Total for the week, 6,500. Market lower; active; prices ¼@⅓c off from yesterday's rates; 1,280 Ohio clipped sheep, av 88 to 90 lbs, at $5.80@6.90.

HOGS—Receipts to-day, 800. Total for the week, 14,600. Market dull for want of stock; yards bare at an early hour; 7@8c buyer June; 8c buyer July; nominal lots, refusing to pay over $5.25 for good prs; sales—243 Ohio hogs, av 195 to 195 lbs, at $5.45@5.50; 196 Michigan hogs, av 195 lbs, at $5.50; 23 stock pigs, av 102 lbs, at $5.80.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, May 14.—There was a slow trade movement with both agents and jobbers. The market for cotton goods is dull and heavy. Prints unchanged. Rolled jaconnets brisk at 6¾c; brown and bleached cottons quiet; ticks, damons

MONEY AND COMMERCE

MONETARY.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, May 14.

The demand for money in the local market is active, but approved borrowers got it without much difficulty. Deposits at the banks keep up well, and are nearly as high now as at any time in the last three months, but the loans of the banks are also high, and in view of the fact that the National Banks have been expecting a call for a statement for some time past, there is less disposition on their part to expand than there would be otherwise. New York exchange remains steady at about par for sales between banks.

The movements of currency in any direction were insignificant to-day. There were some considerable amounts sent to Milwaukee yesterday, but the demand seems to have been only spasmodic.

THE VIENNA PANIC.

It is difficult to say what is the extent or significance of the panic on the Vienna Bourse, but the fact that several of the Government bankers subscribed 12,000,000 florins and the Austrian Minister of Finance pledged the Government for 8,000,000 florins more (equivalent to over $9,000,000), to be put into a pool to sustain the value of speculative stocks by temporary loans on them as collaterals, shows there was some grave emergency and danger of a collapse that would have caused immense losses and distress. As a final measure, the Government has expressed its intention of modifying the Austrian National Bank act, so as to permit more latitude in the loans of the National Bank on collaterals of stocks. Through the relations of Vienna with Frankfort, Frankfort with London, and the latter with New York, the market for sterling exchange in New York was affected by the Vienna panic. German bankers in New York, who have large accommodations from their correspondents in Frankfort, anticipating a calling in of these, became anxious to strengthen their European accounts, and have been large buyers of sterling exchange. This, together with the advance in rates of discount by the Bank of England last Saturday, has caused a large advance in the price of sterling exchange, which is quoted to-day at 108¾ for 60-day bills, and 110 for sight. An advance of ¼ per cent more in the price of exchange would justify the shipment of gold from New York to London, and it seems not improbable that this may be one of the results of the unsettlement of confidence in Europe, viz: that foreign capital will be called home, and that the specie payments will cause an advance in the price of gold and a closer money market in New York. On the other hand, it is argued by some, that if confidence in Austrian securities and stocks causes capital to shun investment in them, it will create more demand for American securities. However this may be, money continues easy yet in New York. In the week up to May 10, bank deposits increased over $6,000,000, and money is offered at 7 per cent.

IMPROVEMENTS ON THE GRAND TRUNK.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company have recently made arrangements for great improvements in the efficiency of their line as a through freight route from the West to the East, and have negotiated a loan of $10,000,000, which amount has been secured and placed to their credit. This money is to be expended during the current year for the following purposes:

First—Narrowing the gauge of the entire line to 4 feet 8½ inches, to make it accord with the standard adopted now on this continent.

Second—To lay steel rails over the whole extent of the line, instead of iron.

Third—To complete the ballasting of the line.

Fourth—To lay in about 40 miles of additional sidings at various points to accommodate the increasing traffic.

Fifth—To provide such facilities in the way of extra station accommodation as may be necessary at the different points on the line.

Sixth—To largely increase the existing rolling stock.

Seventh—To built a large and commodious passenger station at Montreal, and a grain elevator of the largest description at Point St. Charles, generally, to put the entire system of the Grand Trunk Railway in a first-class condition, both as regards its roadway and rolling stock in every respect.

The Company has ordered the construction of 600 new box freight cars, 200 platform cars, and 100 stock cars, to be finished by Oct. 1. The lines now owned and leased by the Company make in aggregate of 1,377 miles, of which 419 miles are leased, thus leaving 958 miles in the ownership of the Company. The aggregate capital stock and bonded debts of the Company were $101,374,680, or at the rate of $105,800 per mile of the road owned. The addition of the $10,000,000 loan just negotiated will make the capital and debts stand in the ratio of $115,400 per mile of the 958 miles of road owned.

LOCAL STOCK AND BOND MARKET.

Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean quote as follows this afternoon:

	Buying.	Selling.
8-20s of '62	115½	115¾
8-20s of '64	115½	115¾
8-20s of '65	117	117¼
8-20s of '65, Jan. and July	117¾	118
8-20s of '67, Jan. and July	120¼	120½
8-20s of '68, Jan. and July	118	118¼
10-40s	113¾	114
U. S. 5s (new issue)	114¼	114½
Gold and Gold Coupons	117¾	118
Sterling Exchange	108¾@110	
Northern Pacific Gold 7-30s	100	& int.
Chicago City 7s	99¾	& int.
Cook County 7s	99¼	& int.
Illinois County and Township 10s	92@95	

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record on Wednesday, May 14:

CITY PROPERTY.

Rail st, s of and near Eugenie st, e f, 26.79 ft, dated April 29; consideration, $200.

Indiana av, bet Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth sts, w f, Lots 19 and 20, with other outside property, dated May 10; consideration, $18,000.

Und ¼ in n w ¼ of s e ¼ Sec. 1, 39, 13 (except e 100 ft), dated May 29, 1872; consideration, $76,312.

State st, 174 ft n of Twelfth st, w f, and ¼ of 80x165 ft, dated Nov. 29, 1872; consideration, $20,000.

Und ¾ of the above, with improvements, dated Jan. 3; consideration, $22,000.

North place, 35x80 ft, being Sub-lot 44, of Lot 1, Block 21, Sheffield's Addition, dated Dec. 10, 1872; consideration, $1,000.

Emerald av, bet Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh sts, e f, 24 ft to alley, dated May 28, 1872; consideration, $650.

Dania av, 77 ft s of Thompson st, s f, 50x126 ft, dated Feb. 1; consideration, $900.

Ullman st, near s e cor of Bush st, e f, undivided ¼ of 40x100 ft, dated May 9; consideration, $5,000.

Wesson st, bet Elm and Hobbie sts, w f, 26x100 ft, dated May 14; consideration, $600.

Count st, 163 ft s of Grand av, w f, 25x126 6-10 ft, dated Jan. 20; consideration, $450.

Seymour st, n Grand av, w f, 25x126 6-10 ft, dated March 5; consideration, $650.

25x126 6-10 ft adjoining the above, dated Jan. 2; consideration, $650.

Lot on private park, 170 ft e of Vincennes av, and on n w cor of Thirty-seventh st, e f, 18½x80 ft, with building, dated April 12; consideration, $7,000.

Undivided ¼ of Lots 21 to 25, in Block 4 of Peck's Subdivision, in s e ¼ Sec 13, 39, 13, dated May 13; consideration, $4,200.

The premises No. 571 West Washington st, dated April 18; consideration, $12,800.

West Washington st, bet Western av and Oakley st, n f, 24 ft to alley, dated May 12; consideration, $9,000.

Monroe st, bet Aberdeen and Morgan sts, s f, Lot 83, dated March 15; consideration, $8,800.

Larrabee st, 126 ft s of Blackhawk st, e f, 40¼ ft, running to end of lot, dated May 12; consideration, $5,000.

North Hoyne st, near s e cor of Ewing place, w f, Lots 35 and 36, dated April 19; consideration, $1,900.

Lot 34, adjoining the above, dated April 19; consideration, $975.

Napoleon st, between Butler and Hanover, n f, Lots 9 and 10, dated May 2, 1873; consideration, $1,500.

Harding av, s w cor of West Indiana st, o f, 25x125¼ ft, dated May 10; consideration, $740.

Green st, 150 ft n of Washington, e f, 25x125 ft, dated May 2; consideration, $3,000.

McGrath st, s w corner of Robey st, n f, 100x133 ft, dated Feb. 28; consideration, $6,000.

Lot 9 in Wilson's n w ¼ of Block 33, Sec. 7, 39, 14, dated May 8; consideration, $4,500.

Lot 7, in same, dated Feb. 29; consideration, $4,500.

Vincennes av, s of and near Thirty-ninth st, w f, 132x141 ft, dated Oct. 1, 1872; consideration, $13,200.

Lot 10, in Sinclair's Block in s ¼ Sec. 20, 39, 14, dated May 14; consideration, $1,225.

NORTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Seminary av, s w cor of Dunning st, s f, 30½x120 ft, with building, dated April 17; consideration, $10,000.

Dunning st, n e cor of Seminary av, s f, 56x133½ ft, dated May 13; consideration, $2,295.

Lots 4 and 5 in Block 4, of Dummy Road, n f, 61½x167 ft, dated May 13; consideration, $4,296.

Same as the above, dated Aug. 10, 1872; consideration, $3,280.

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS.

North ¼ of Lot 21, in Block 4, of Price's n w ¼ of s w ¼ Sec. 36, 38, 14, dated May 12; consideration, $2,500.

Lots 5 to 10, in Claflin and Whitney's Lot 2, of s ¼ s w ¼ Sec. 4, 38, 14, dated Feb. 21; consideration, $4,000.

Lot 12, in Block 1, of Gunn's Subdivision in Lots 34 and 35, Sec. 15, 38, 14, dated May 8; consideration, $700.

Lot 4 in Mallen's Lots 27 and 28, in Dobbin's n ¼ of s ¼ of n e ¼ Sec. 3, 38, 14, dated May 6; consideration, $5,000.

Lot 1, in Block 3 in Wilson Heald and Stebbing's n w ¼ of s w ¼ Sec. 15, 38, 14, dated April 26; consideration, $6,250.

Lot 4, in Block 3, same, dated April 26; consideration, $6,250.

Lots 21 to 30, in Block 1 of Jacobs' Block 3 of s ¼ of s ¼ Sec. 35, 40, 13, dated May 13; consideration, $4,200.

COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, May 14.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in Chicago during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1873.	1872.	1873.	1872.
Flour, brls	11,428	8,704	9,411	5,879
Wheat, bu	41,250	10,800	265,252	12,738
Corn, bu	41,185	121,365	172,444	405,799
Oats, bu	95,846	18,460	110,380	36,041
Rye, bu	1,044	6,500	780	2,065
Barley, bu	2,200	1,850	6,048	
Grass seed, lbs	41,650	40,200	25,200	40,300
Flax seed, lbs	880		1,200	
Broom corn, lbs	14,000	9,200	34,714	11,302
Cured meats, lbs	79,850	333,999	503,780	215,303
Beef, brls		11	15	20
Pork, brls		12	35	1,775
Lard, lbs	13,840	2,750	58,500	77,000
Tallow, lbs	19,720	19,500	44,700	
Butter, lbs	45,210	35,430	1,700	7,600
Dressed hogs, No		646	559	20
Live hogs, No	14,668	6,114	1,153	3,813
Cattle, No	4,935	4,809	5,105	1,826
Sheep, No	646	559	20	
Hides, lbs	66,980	122,650	68,816	38,190
Highwines, brls	204	204	213	325
Wool, lbs	153,736	77,160	231,000	44,970
Potatoes, bu	2,119	7,922	3,256	450
Lumber, m ft	2,041	4,977	2,817	3,129
Shingles, m	1,040	1,300	1,868	1,545
Lath, m	70	195	179	193
Salt, brls		6,970	1,230	1,316

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 3,041 bu corn; 5,916 bu oats; 124 bu rye; 2,434 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning up to 10 o'clock: 34 cars wheat; 69 cars corn; 6,000 bu No. 2 do, and 5,800 bu rejected do, by canal; 19 cars oats; 7,000 bu rejected do by canal; 2 cars rye; 1 car barley. Total (125 cars), 98,000 bu.

There is one fact that seems to have been forgotten by the gentleman in the country who are complaining so loudly about the working of the Inspection law in regard to corn. It may be poor consolation to recall it, but the fact should not be lost sight of, that the law was a *country* measure, passed at the demand of the country as against the city. It is popularly supposed to be a law that was passed by the representatives of the farming community for the purpose of protecting that community against the tricks practised upon the Board of Trade.

We are far from claiming that the Board of Trade is immaculate, either as a whole, or in its individual membership; neither do we forget that there were inspection difficulties under the Board of Trade regime. But it is equally true that the system of inspection under the direction of the Board of Trade was so framed as to avoid many of the snags now encountered, as it is that the Board of Trade is not responsible for the present trouble. It is probable that the Inspectors are doing their duty, as we are satisfied that they try hard to do it, under the law; but whether this be so or not, there is neither sense nor plausibility in the outcry against Chicago as the cause of the trouble. The responsibility, whether for praise or blame, rests entirely with the State, and especially with that portion of its country representatives who determined to give neither Chicago nor the Board of Trade a voice in the matter.

The failure of John Watson, yesterday, was the subject of much comment in commercial circles to-day, and his course was generally condemned. It seems that most of his May wheat was sold at $1.30@1.31, and was unfilled on the 1st ult., when the market was 4@6c per bu against him. He held on, hoping for a decline, which would probably have occurred but for the unexpected weakening in freights by lake. A great many of those who held his contracts omitted to call margins, believing him to be perfectly good; but a few of these grew nervous yesterday, and "called" on to find no response except in the negative. The more conservative members of the Board are disgusted at the fact that a man like John Watson should dip in so heavily; and some of them said that such things should not be allowed. But there is really no remedy other than in the calling of margins on all options. Trading cannot be limited in any other way, and this is a remedy which each man can apply for himself.

It is not strange that accounts from the country should vary very widely in regard to crop prospects. In some places the land is soggy, while in others it is in good condition, and the work of planting has progressed well. The principal effect of the rains will probably be to make the corn area larger than it otherwise would have been, as it is well known that the chief thing to be feared in regard to corn is June floods and late frosts; and late planted corn can be counted on to yield well much more certainly than other grain.

THE MARKETS.

The leading produce markets were not quite so active to-day, and were less steady. There was considerable excitement, and some strength early, principally owing to bad weather, but things generally weakened in the latter half of the session of the Board of Trade, with quite a heavy feeling in some departments—the result of a reaction from the excited tone noted for two or three days past. The weather continues to be very awkward, but its effects have been already discounted, and a great many operators are waiting for the turn, not feeling disposed to operate further in the present direction.

There was only fair activity in the dry goods trade, and prices were steady and unchanged. At the late reduction in colored and bleached cottons the market p esents a firm tone, and indeed the only weakness noticeable is confined to unseasonable fabrics and unpopular brands. Groceries were moving with rather more freedom than on yesterday or Monday, and prices were again well sustained all around. Sugars are quoted higher in New York, and are a trifle firmer here in sympathy, though our dealers do not anticipate any marked advance. Coffees remain strong, while spices, rice, soaps, and starch rule steady. There is a dull, heavy feeling in the tea market, and present indications favor an early decline in prices. The butter market was quiet at weak and irregular prices. The receipts, though not remarkably large for the season, considerably exceed current requirements, and a steady augumentation of stocks is witnessed. Cheese was dull and weak at the late decline. No changes were reported in the fish, canned goods, and dried fruit markets. Hay was in better request, and former rates were well sustained. In the hide market comparatively little trading was done, and prices were unsettled and variable. Oils met with a liberal inquiry at 19½@20c for carbon; at $1.00@1.05 for linseed; at 75c for extra lard, and at 80c for turpentine. Nothing new was noted in connection with the tobacco, pig-iron, paints, and wood markets.

Lumber continues to meet with a fair and steadily improving demand. There was no particular change in prices, though in lumber about a firmer feeling was developed. Building materials were unchanged; the trade in light at the quoted prices. Metals, iron, and nails were moderately active at about the same rates, though nails are rather unsettled. Wool, hops, and broom-corn are unchanged. Seeds were in light request at about yesterday's range of prices. Potatoes were in good demand for home consumption and shipment; choice parties being mostly wanted. Green fruits were active and firm. Poultry met with a good inquiry on local account, and, owing to light offerings, ruled higher. Eggs were also in good request and firm at 13@13½.

Highwines were rather less active; but steady at the recent advance. Sales were reported of 150 brls at 89½c per gallon.

Lake freights were less active, and rather dull at the inside rates of yesterday; though it is well known that several vessels have been sent out of the grain trade to carry lumber and ore, their owners not being satisfied to accept present grain rates. To Buffalo sail rates were quoted at 5½c on corn, and 6c on wheat; and to Kingston or Oswego, carriers asked 13c on wheat and 13c on corn. Through rates cannot be quoted; some say they are weak, and others claim that they are firm at 45c per 100 lbs to New York, and 50c to Boston. A total of 9 charters was reported from this port, which will carry out 18,000 bu wheat, 190,000 bu corn, and 26,000 bu oats.

Provisions were quiet. Mess pork was in moderate demand early, at yesterday's prices, though live hogs were plenty and lower, but weakened about 10c per brl towards the close. Lard opened a shade easier, with a seemingly fair inquiry at the decline, but fell off when New York was quoted weak, and closed fully 10c per 100 lbs lower, with very little offered at the decline. Meats were inactive, and nominally a shade firmer on middles, which are in small stock. There is now very little speculation in provisions, former trades being nearly all equalized, with not much disposition to ship further into the future. The market closed at the following range of prices: Mess pork, cash or seller May, $16.80@16.90; do seller June, $16.90@17.00; do seller July, $17.40@17.45; do seller August, $17.75@17.80; lard, cash or seller May, $8.20; do seller June, $8.30; do seller July, $8.42½@8.45; do seller August, $8.60; summer cured hams, 8½@9c; sweet pickled hams quoted at 10@11½c. Dry salted meats quotable at 6¼@6¾c for shoulders; 8¾@8¾c for short ribs; and 8¾@9c for short clear. Boxed shoulders, 6¾@6¾c; English meats, 6¾@6¾c for short ribs; 9@9¼c for short clear. Bacon is quoted at 7¾c for shoulders, 10c for clear ribs, 10¾c for short clear, and 13@14½c for hams, all packed. Mess beef, $9.00@9.25; extra mess do, $10.00@10.25; beef hams, $22.00@23.50. City tallow, 7¾@8c; grease quotable at 5¼@6¾c. Sales were reported of 4,000 brls mess pork, seller July, at $17.50; 250 tcs lard, seller June, at $9.05; 1,500 tcs do at $9.00; 1,000 tcs do, seller July, at $9.25.

Flour was stronger, but not active. The market opened with a good demand, principally for spring superfines, and the lower grades of spring extras, for shipment; but these were in light supply, the stocks having been considerably depleted by the liberal sales of the past few days. Though flour is now arriving more freely, Holders generally advanced their views somewhat in sympathy with the strength in wheat, and sold of flour in New York, and then buyers hadn't been seeming to be limited to former quotations. Bran was quiet and steady. Sales were reported of 200 brls white winter extra (Crystal) at $2.00; 100 brls do on private terms; 800 brls spring extras (part Athletes) at $7.00; 100 brls do at $6.75; 900 brls do at $6.37½; 340 brls at $6.25; 100 brls do at $6.00; 500 brls do (low) at $5.25; 800 brls do on private terms; 200 brls rye flour (Beloit City) at $4.40. Total, 2,820 brls; also, 20 tons bran at $10.50 on track. The following were the quotations at the close:

Fair to choice white winter extra	$ 6.50 @11.00
Red winter extras	7.00 @ 8.50
Good to choice spring extras	6.10 @ 7.00
Low to medium	4.75 @ 5.75
Minnesotas (patent)	8.00 @11.00
Good to fancy Minnesota	6.50 @ 8.00
Spring superfines	3.00 @ 5.00
Rye flour	4.15 @ 4.40
Bran	10.00 @11.50

Wheat was active and irregular, averaging about ½c higher than yesterday, but was 3c higher at one time than the closing quotations of last evening. Liverpool was quoted stronger, and New York was also reported strong, while our shipments are very liberal. The last fact had most influence on prices, coupled with the failure reported yesterday, which made it necessary for a great many operators to buy the wheat they had expected to receive from John Watson. It is probable that most of these trades were covered to-day, and comparatively little else was done; hence considerable fluctuations in prices, as the local varied every minute or two in that part of the session which is usually the steadiest. The stocks of No. 2 spring wheat in store here this morning cannot much exceed 500,000 bu; which is scarcely half the quantity of May shorts out to be covered on the Watson deals, while a good deal of that was undoubtedly not at command. It may strange that the market did not advance more under the circumstances, the widest previous rate for May over June being 1½c, while the usual difference was only 1c. There was little doing for shipment, as the short interest monopolized the cash offerings of No. 2. Seller June opened at $1.31¾, advanced to $1.33¾, fell to $1.31, and closed at $1.31¼. Seller the year sold at $1.16@1.17, closing at the inside. Seller the month, or cash No. 2 spring, sold at $1.31¾@1.34, closing at $1.32¾. No. 3 spring was nominal. No. 4 spring was 2@3½c higher, at $1.29@1.34, closing with $1.23 bid. Rejected was active at $1.05¼@1.05¾. Cash sales were reported of 1,600 bu No. 2 spring at $1.34½; 7,400 bu do at $1.34; 10,000 bu do at $1.33¾; 43,200 bu do at $1.33¼; 18,600 bu do at $1.33¾; 10,000 bu do at $1.33; 15,000 bu do at $1.32¾; 10,000 bu do at $1.32¼; 18,000 bu do at $1.32; 10,000 bu do at $1.31¾; 5,000 bu do at $1.31½; 3,600 bu do at $1.31; 800 bu rejected spring at $1.05¾; 400 bu do at $1.05¾; 400 bu by sample at $1.40; 400 bu do at $1.38. Total, 196,000 bu.

Corn was active and irregular, averaging ¾c higher than yesterday, though reported dull and heavy in New York. The trading was principally speculative and for next month, though the more deferred options are coming in for a fair amount of attention. Buyers being incited by the fact of continued bad weather. There was less inquiry for spot corn, though some was taken for shipment; but the light receipts, and liberal exports reported, made cash lots relatively firm. The inquiry was principally from the edge of 9 o'clock, after that the edge of demand had been taken off and set at 12 o'clock there was considerable pressure to sell, the buying orders not having absorbed the offerings. Seller June opened at 42¾c, advanced to 43¾c, and declined to 42¾c at the close. Seller July sold at 45@45¼c, closing at 45¼c; and seller August at 46@47c, closing at 46¼c. Seller the month, or regular No. 2, sold at 41¾@41¾c closing at 41¾c; strictly fresh receipts closed at 42c bid. Sales were reported of 1,200 bu No. 2 at 42¾c; 9,800 bu do at 42½c; 8,800 bu do at 42c; 85,000 bu do at 41¾c; 25,000 bu do at 41¾c; 40,000 bu do at 41¼c; 5,000 bu do at 41¼c; 11,200 bu rejected at 40c; 11,200 bu by sample at 42c afloat. Total, 204,000 bu.

Oats were dull and weak. The market opened apparently firm at yesterday's medium prices, but soon fell off when quoted dull in New York, and declined ½@¾c per bu. Seller the month, or regular, sold at 33@33½c; seller June at 34@34½c; and seller July at 35¾@36¼c; all closing at the inside. Strictly fresh receipts closed at 33½c. Rejected was nominal at 31c, being in some demand, with no offerings. Cash sales were reported of 1,800 bu at 33¾c; 11,200 bu at 33½c; 15,000 bu at 33¾c; 25,000 bu at 33¼c; 20,000 bu at 33c; 7,000 rejected at 32½c, free on board cars. Total 79,000 bushels.

Rye was in moderate demand, and firm at the quotation which has ruled for several days past; at which all offerings met with ready sale. The transactions were limited to 1,600 bu No. 2 at 69½c, and 100 bu by sample at 70c.

Barley was lifeless, not a single sale being reported. In the absence of transactions we quote the market unchanged at 73@85c for No. 2; 65@69c for No. 3; and 45@50c for rejected; the inside for Rock Island receipts, and the outside in other houses.

CORN ON THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD.

The President of the Illinois Central Railroad Company has asked for and obtained reports from the different stations along that line of road, giving the amount of corn cribbed at the several stations. The following are the replies:

Homewood, none; Matteson, none; Richton, 6,000, and 90,000 in farmers' hands; Peotone, 15,000; Manteno, 60,000, and 50,000 shelled for elevator; Kankakee, 20,000; Chebanse, 90,000; Clifton, 75,000, and 150,000 contracted for; Ashkum, 85,000; Danfort, 80,000; Gilman, 80,000, and 50,000 contracted; Onarga, 90,000, and 130,000 bought to be delivered; Spring Creek, (none); Bulkley, 80,000, and 80,000 in farmer's hands; Loda, 168,000, and 20,000 contracted for; Tuscola, 60,000; Arcola, 12,000, with large amount in country; Mattoon, none, but any quantity in the country; total, 7,626,000 bu.

LATEST.

In the afternoon wheat was fairly active and advanced ½c. No. 2 spring closed at $1.32¾@seller the month sold at $1.31¾@1.32¾; seller June, the latter option closing at $1.32. Corn was in fair demand and higher, closing firm at 41¾@42c cash or seller the month, and 42¾c seller June. Also 45¼c and 46¼c seller July and August. Other grain and provisions were inactive. One charter was reported for corn to Buffalo at 5½c.

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, May 14.

ALCOHOL—Was in moderate demand at former prices. 94 per cent proof is quoted at $1.79@1.84.

BROOM-CORN—The condition of the market is substantially the same. Good corn is fairly active, scarce, and firm, while common stock is steady and in small request. We quote: 2½@3c per lb for No. 1 stock braid, 3@3½c; No. 2 do 3½@4c; No. 3 do, 2@3½c; inside green, 3½@4c; do red tip, 3@4c; do part red, 2@3½c.

BUTTER—A feeling of weakness still pervades the butter market, buyers insisting upon concessions, and holders generally responding, as the demand is not sufficient to present a steady accumulation, which just at this time, farmers are especially desirous to prevent. Shippers are operating sparingly. We quote: Strictly choice dairy, packed, 26@28c; medium to good, 20@23c; inferior to common, 9@18c.

BAGGING—No new features were developed in connection with the bagging market. Business continues quiet and prices remain steady and uniform. We repeat our list as follows: Stark, 27c; Ludlow, 25c; Lewiston, 34½c; American, 23½c; Amoskeag, 23½c; Otter Creek, 34½c; Burlap tapes, 4 and 5 in, 20@22c; gunny singles, 17@18c; do double, 28@29c; wool sacks, 42½c.

BEANS AND PEAS—The demand is moderate at the prices quoted below: Choice hand-picked navies, $2.55@3.00; do medium, $2.40@2.45; inferior quality, $1.25@3.00; green peas (in bris), $1.40@1.50; yellow do (in bags), $1.25.

BUILDING MATERIALS—Trade as a rule is dull, though there is a moderate inquiry for common brick; lime, and cement. Cement was erroneously reported weak yesterday; nearly all kinds are held steadily at present quotations. Lime and common brick are easy. We quote: Stucco, $1.90@2.75; fire-brick, per 1,000, $25@34.00; carpet, fine do, $3.50@4.00. Portland cement, $4.50@7.50 per brl; Rosendale cement, $2.25@3.50; Utica, Louisville, and Akron cement, $2.00 per brl; marble cement, $2.00 per brl. Hard brick, $6.50@7.00; limes (brls), $1.25 per brl; white do, per brl, $1.50@2.00; plastering hair, per bu, 40@50c; fire brick, per 1,000, $40.00@50.00; building brick (common), $6.00@8.00; sewer brick, $12.00@13.00; country brick, $12.00, delivered; 6-in Louis hydraulic pressed, $45.00; do, Milwaukee pressed, $32.50, del; do common, $16.50; Racine pressed, $30.00, del; do common, $14.50; Hillsdale, $28.00, del; Indiana pressed, $22.00 @24.00; do common, $13.00; Excelsior pressed, No. 1 and 2, $20.00@30.00 del; fire clay, per brl, $3.00, or $10.00 per ton. The following is the list of prices per box of 50 feet for domestic window glass, from which a reduction of 45 and 5 per cent is made to dealers:

Size.	Double.	Diamond.
7x16 to 8x10	$ 5.75	$ 7.50
8x14 to 10x18	6.10	16.00
12x13 to 12x20	8.25	19.00
12x22 to 12x30	11.00	21.00
12x32 to 24x30	13.00	21.00
24x30 to 40x30		21.00

CHEESE—Trade has ruled active, with no improvement in the general features, the demand continuing small and prices weak and unsettled. A gradual increase in the supply is noted, and the tendency of prices is still downward. We quote: New York factory, 14@15c; Ohio factory, 13½@14c; Western factory, new, 12@13½c.

COAL—Trade continues quiet and unchanged, and prices were without material change. The arrivals continue light in the general features, the demand continuing small and prices weak and unsettled. A gradual increase in the supply is noted, and the tendency of prices is still downward. We quote: New York factory, 14@15c; Ohio factory, new, 12@13½c; Western factory, new, 12@13½c.

COAL—Trade continues quiet and unchanged, and prices were without material change. The arrivals continue light in the general features, the demand continuing small and prices weak and unsettled. A gradual increase in the supply is noted, and the tendency of prices is still downward. We quote: Cash, $6.50; Lackawanna, $10.00; Erie, $10.00; Briar Hill, $10.00; Walnut Hill, $10.00; Blossburg, $10.00; Cherry Mine, $10.00; Trenton Block, $10.00; Indiana block, $9.00; Kirkland grate, $9.00; Minonk, $8.00; Wilmington, $6.00.

COOPERAGE—There was no change under this head, trade is quiet and prices are unchanged as follows: Pork barrels, $1.60@1.65; lard tierces, $1.60 @1.70; whisky barrels, $1.90@2.10; flour barrels, 50@55c; pork staves, rough, $17.00@20.00; do buckeye, as sawed, $20.00@26.00; tierce staves, rough, $17.00@20.00; do buckeye, as sawed, $20.00@25.00; whisky staves, rough, $24.00@28.00; do, bucked, $30.00@33.00; flour staves, $5.00@11.00; circle flour heading, 7@9c per set; flour hoop poles, $14.00 @15.00 per m; pork and tierce poles, $20.00@38.00 per m.

GRAINS—Were in fair local request and firm at 13@ 13½c. Sales include 1,500 dos and 245 cases at 13½c; 1,500 dos at 13c.

FEATHERS—Were salable at the full quotable prices. Receipts are light. We quote: Prime to choice live geese at 72@75c, from first hands; jobbing prices, 80@ 85c for assorted feathers; mixed feathers, 60@65c; chicken, 55@60c.

FISH—A good business was doing in this market, and prices were again firm all around. We quote: No. 1 whitefish, ½ brl, $7.00; No. 2 do, $6.75; No. 1 shore mackerel, ½ brl, $11.00@11.25; No. 1 bay do, $9.00@9.25; No. 2 mackerel, ½ brl, $7.75@8.00; No. 1 shore $10.00@11.00; bank codfish, per 100 lbs, $6.00@6.25; George's codfish, $6.75@7.00; Labrador herring, split, brls, $9.00@9.50; do ½ brl, $4.75@5.00; Labrador herring, round, brl, $8.00@8.50; do ½ brl, $4.50@ 5.00; No. 1 Scotch herring, ½ brl, $4.50@5.00; salmon, 40@45c; Columbia River salmon, ½ brls, $10.00@10.25.

FRUITS AND NUTS—Remain quiet, with the exception of prunes, currants and figs, which are in liberal demand. Prices remain nearly the same as previously quoted, for most domestics. Following are the quotations: FOREIGN—Dates, 8@9c; figs, drums, 11@ 14c; figs, box, 14½@16½c; Turkey prunes, 9½@10c; raisins, $2.60@3.10; Zante currants, 6@6½c; Patras, 6½@7c. DOMESTIC—Asian apples, 12@20c; Michigan do, 6@7c; Ozarks, Mo., do, 8½@9c; Kingsnon, 7½@8c; Carolina, do, 10@12c; Louisiana, 8@8½c; peaches, halves, 6@6½c; quarters, 4@4½c; pared, 11@12½c; do No. 2, 11@12½c; do No. 3, 9@10c; do sliced, 12½@13½c; do unpared, 6@6½c; do No. 2, 5@5½c; do No. 3, 4@4½c; blackberries, 8½@9½c; raspberries, 40@ 41c; pitted cherries, 22@23c; Red Cherries, 18@20c; choice brown, 10½@10¾c; prime do, 9½@ 10c; fair do, 9¼@9½c; choice sugar-cured, 10½@ 10¾c; good do, 9¾@10c; New Orleans sugar, choice, 10½@10¾c; do prime, 9¾@10c; do fair, 9@ 9¼c; common, 8@8½c.

SYRUPS—Diamond drips, $1.10@1.35; silver drips extra fine, 72@75c; good sugar-house syrup, 45@48c; extra do, 50@55c; New Orleans molasses, choice, 62 @65c; do prime, 75@80c; do common, 65@70c; Porto Rico molasses, choice, 55@60c; common molasses, 32 @40c.

SEGARS—Common to best, $20@80.

SPICES—Allspice, 17@18c; cloves, 37@38c; cassia, 38@40c; pepper, 23½@24½c; nutmegs, $1.25@1.30; ginger, pure, 28@30c; do No. 1, 20@25c; do No. 2, 15 @16c.

STARCH—French mottled, 6¾@8¾c; German mottled, 7¼@7¾c; Golden West, 6@6½c; White Lily, 6¾@ 6¾c; White Rose, 6¼@6½c; brown Windsor, 4¾@ 4¾c; palm, 6@6½c; Avon Imperial, 6¾@6¾c.

STARCH—Glucose, 5½@6c; corn, 9@11c; laundry, 5@ 7c; common, 5¼@6c.

GREEN FRUITS—All choice fruit is scarce and firm. Strawberries from Kentucky sold at $1.00 per quart; gooseberries are quiet and steady at 12c; pineapples, in fair demand at $2.00@2.50 per doz; lemons in good to choice, $5.00@6.00 per box from stores; cranberries (cultivated) at $9.00@12.00 per brl; lemons at $7.00@ 7.50 per box; Palermo oranges, $5.00@6.00; Messina do, $5.00@6.00; pineapples, $4.00@5.00 per doz; Bananas, $3.00@7.00 per bunch.

HOPS—Were quiet and nominally unchanged, quotable at 35@45c for good to prime, and 26@30c for common to fair.

HAY—Prices, though again weak, were not subjected to any material decline. During the past few days liberal purchases have been made for shipment up the lake, and this has relieved the market to some extent; but the demand is not sufficient to prevent an accumulation, and the tendency is downward. We quote wholesale prices paid by dealers, as follows, cars to contain 20,000 lbs: On Track—Timothy, fine, $15.00@15.50; timothy, good to choice pressed, $14.50@15.50; prairie pressed, $12.00@13.00. On Wagon—Timothy, loose, $18.00@ 18.00; prairie, loose, $14.00@17.00. For delivery of pressed, $1.00@1.00 per ton additional.

HIDES—The situation of this market was unchanged in any important particular. The bears are still vigorously at work, and are hopeful of being able to force a still further decline; but the offerings to-day failed to follow the late "break," and the fact that there was no legitimate cause for at least a portion of the late reduction, it is thought will operate to check the downward course of the market. We quote: City butchers', 7c; green cured light, 10¼@10½c; do heavy, 9¼@9½c; part cured, 9@9¼c; green calf, 15@18½c; veal kip, 13¾@15c; dry flint, 19@20c; do salted, 14@16c; dry flint calf, 19@20c; dry salted, 14@16c; dry flint lamb, 15@16c; sheep skins, 40@45c; grubby, scored, sun or otherwise damaged, two-thirds price.

IRON AND STEEL—There was no change to note. A fair, steady demand exists at the rates quoted below:

Bar iron	4 4½@ 4 5-10 rates
Horse-shoe iron	6 @ 6 5-10 rates
Plate iron, common tank	6¾ @ 7 rates
Russia iron	20@21c net
Russia iron, No. 1 refined	19@20c net
Norway iron	9 @ 9½c ₩ lb
Norway nail rods	9¾ @10c ₩ lb
German plow steel	11 @12c ₩ lb
English cast plow	12 @12½c ₩ lb
American cast steel	17 @18c ₩ lb
Cincinnati cast steel	18 @20 ₩ lb
English cast steel	21¾ @23 rates
English spring steel	11 @12½c rates

TEA—There was some little improvement in the demand, but otherwise the market was without visible change. We quote:

HEMLOCK.		
City harness	$	35@ 41
Country harness		30@ 38
Line, city, ₩ lb		42@ 43
Kip, ₩ lb		80@ 1.10
Kip, veal		70@ 90
City upper, No. 1, ₩ ft		27@ 30
City upper, No. 2, ₩ ft		25@ 27
Country upper, No. 1		25@ 27
Collar, ₩ ft		22@ 23
Calf	1.25@	1.40
Kip	1.00@	1.10
Harness	40@	45
French calf, Jodot	65.00@	80.00
French calf, Lemoine	60.00@	80.00
French calf, 24 to 36 ₩ doz	1.60@	3.00
French calf, 36 to 100 ₩ doz	1.10@

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—BY J. HERRY WEIL, REAL ESTATE Broker, Room 8 Fuller's Building, 156 Dearborn-st.: Michigan-av., northeast corner Thirty-ninth-st., 50 feet; Lake-av., near Forty-first-st., 50 feet; South Park boulevard, near Forty-first-st., 100x150 feet, cheap; and choice lots on Michigan-av., Grand-av., Grove-av., north of Thirty-ninth-st., 25 feet. Cottage Grove-av., northwest corner Twenty-fourth-st., 100 feet. Wabash-av., north of Forty-eighth-st., 50 feet. Prairie-av., near Fifteenth-st., 50 or 100 feet. Indiana-st., near Thirty-first-st., 50x125 feet. State-st., near Thirty-first-st., 2-story new frame house and lot, 50x125 feet; cheap. Dearborn-st., near Van Buren, 25 feet. Very cheap.

FOR SALE—LOT, NORTHWEST FULTON AND ST. John's-place, one block from Union Park; 80x132; will subdivide; builders can buy without down payment; 10 per cent.

Two Lake Shore on Dexter-st. and Western-av.; Bridgeport (96,000 and $8,000.

Two Lake Shore on Wabash-av. and Twenty-ninth-st.; Bridgeport, $10,000 each; terms to suit.

Lot 25x125 on Wabash-av., 2-story frame and lot, No. 190, $7,500.

Lot 25x125 on Wabash-av., 2-story frame and lot, No. 194, $7,500.

Lot 25x125 on Wabash-av., 2-story frame and lot, No. 196, $7,500.

Three lots on Dearborn-av., between Thirty-second and Thirty-third-sts., $1,000 each; rents for $300; a bargain.

Lot on Dearborn-av., between Thirty-second and Thirty-third-sts., $1,000

WASHINGTON.

Speculations Regarding the Speakership of the Next House.

Alleged Fraud and Favoritism in the Award of Indian Contracts.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPEAKERSHIP OF THE NEXT HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14.—Those friends of Speaker Blaine, who have him in training for the Presidency in 1876, say that, in case he is re-elected by the Forty-third Congress as Speaker, he will throw overboard all those Chairmen of committees who have in any way been connected with the Credit Mobilier transactions. Blaine is a candidate for re-election, and he claims the support of at least two-thirds of the old members of the Forty-second Congress who have been re-elected; the balance, being nothing but carpet-baggers and Pennsylvania Protectionists, are claimed by Maynard, of Tennessee. Letters are already being sent by both these competitors to the newly-elected Congressmen, soliciting their votes for these respective candidates to the third position in the Government. Blaine's friends make the point in his favor, first, that he is not committed to any economical policy of legislation so far as revenue is concerned; and, second, that he opposed the salary-increase so far as it related to himself. Maynard commits himself boldly to the protective policy, and argues that Blaine's name has been mentioned with suspicious transactions in such a way as to make his re-election as Speaker questionable in point of party policy, to say nothing else. Maynard has nothing to say, either in condemnation of the salary-grab or in comment on the participants in the Credit Mobilier. His friends give it to be understood that, in case of his election, no signal changes would be made in the chairmanship of the important House committees, save, perhaps, to strengthen the Ways and Means in the direction of protection. Blaine, through his friends, on the contrary, is pledged to a policy which will destroy all those who figured in the Credit Mobilier transactions, or who were prominent and influential in bringing about the salary-grab increase. Under this policy, Garfield, as Chairman of the Appropriation Committee; Dawes, as head of the Ways and Means, and Goodhill, as representative of the Naval Committee, would all have to be sacrificed. Bingham, as Chairman of the Judiciary, not being re-elected, is no longer in the field, this position being temporarily sought by Ben Butler. Altogether the complexion of the next House, so far as its leaders are concerned, is very complicated, and the fight for the Speakership promises to be extremely severe. Although everybody concedes that Blaine will be remarkably successful, the ultimate selection of Chairman, which virtually decides the leadership of the next House, promises to be one of the most exciting, in a personal way, that has been witnessed in this direction for some time.

INDIAN CONTRACTS.

The recent award of contracts for furnishing supplies to the Indians, made by the Board of Indian Peace Commissioners at New York, has created considerable dissatisfaction, especially among the unsuccessful bidders. Charges are made of favoritism, and it is even hinted that a sort of religious ring has been formed to take the place of the old bureau ring. The specific tangible charge publicly made is that the Commissioners in defiance of law, did not give the contracts to the lowest bidders, but selected certain favorites, friends of the Commissioners, who were not the lowest bidders. What truth there is in these charges remain to be seen. They are of so serious a nature, however, that the Secretary of the Interior thought proper to instruct the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to make an investigation of them, and to him it is alleged that bids were rejected from perfectly responsible parties, the difference between such bids and those of successful parties amounting to several hundred thousand dollars; that is, the amount of money to be expended for supplies is several hundred thousand dollars more than it would have been had the lowest bids been accepted. Ex-Senator Harlan, who was Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, commenting upon this subject, says it is due to the public that the official acts of Christian Commissioners, Superintendents and Indian Agents should be so carefully supervised by the Secretary of the Interior as the official conduct of those who make no profession of Christianity and disinterested benevolence. If what they do is right and wise, the severest scrutiny can do no harm, and if found to be either unwise, indiscreet or improper they should be the first to sanction a correction. Should they manifest undue sensitiveness on this point, it would be prima facie evidence that such supervision was needed, and the Secretary should not, and we are sure he will not, shrink from the discharge of his official duty in this respect. This Board of Christian Commissioners was not authorized by Congress, and the churches were not invited by the President to nominate Indian Agents and Superintendents to shield the head of the Department from official responsibility. They were intended to be helpers and not masters, and the people will hold him responsible for the administration of his Department, and expect him to correct any oversights or errors that his subordinates may commit, whenever they may come to his knowledge, without regard to the Christian professions of such officers.

[To the Associated Press.]

NAVAL ORDERS.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Commander Selfridge, of the Darien Expedition, has been ordered to duty as Assistant to the Executive officer at the Boston Navy-Yard, and Lieuts. Sullivan and Eaton, of the same expedition, been granted three months' leave of absence.

LEGAL-TENDERS.

Outstanding legal-tenders, $356,841,951.

The President has made the following appointments of Postmasters: Joseph F. Sexton, Ashtabula, O.; Mrs. Rachel Priller, Farmer City, Ill.; Geo. W. Mathews, Paw-Paw, Mich.; John Ballinger, Ballatin, Mo.; Daniel Fichthorne, Waverly, Ia.; S. E. Jackson, Ellsworth, Kan.

WILL OF THE LATE CHIEF JUSTICE.

The late Chief Justice Chase, left a will naming Gov. H. D. Cook as the sole executor. No inventory has been made of his estate, which, after a few bequests, is to be divided between his children, Mrs. Sprague and Mrs. Hoyt.

GOVERNMENT SUIT AGAINST THE UNION PACIFIC.

Hon. George W. Paige, of Cincinnati, H. H. Ashton, and Thomas A. Jenckes, counsel employed by the Government under the recent act of Congress to institute legal proceedings against the Union Pacific Railroad Company and Credit Mobilier of America, having completed the preparation of a bill in equity for that purpose, submitted it to-day to Atty.-Gen. Williams, who approved and accepted it without alteration. It was determined, upon consultation, to file a bill in the United States Circuit Court at Hartford, Conn. A number of the largest stockholders in the Union Pacific and Credit Mobilier corporations are residents of Connecticut, and will be named as respondents in the suit.

WON'T GIVE UP.

Treasurer Spinner states that the published statement that Senator Hamlin had returned his increased pay to the Treasury is incorrect. He still holds on to it

THE REMAINS OF CHIEF JUSTICE CHASE

were removed from the chapel-vault of Oak Hill Cemetery, Georgetown, yesterday afternoon, and interred in Gov. Cook's lot, from whence they will be moved to Ohio at some future day. Only Gov. Sprague, Gov. Cook, and a few other intimate personal friends of the deceased were present at the interment.

Serious Charges Against a Boston Broker.

BOSTON, May 14.—Reports are current that M. A. Coe, banker and broker, State street, has been raising money by altering figures on stock certificates. It is alleged that one share of the Old Colony Railroad stock and one of the Eastern Railroad were made to represent one hundred shares each, and pledged as collateral for an increased amount. The matter is undergoing investigation.

BOSTON, May 14.—James A. Coe, charged with irregularities in State street, was arrested at his residence this afternoon. Among his alleged operations are the raising of certificates of three shares of the Michigan Central Railroad to three hundred shares, two of the Boston & Albany Railroad to two hundred shares, one of the Eastern Railroad to one hundred shares, two certificates of the Old Colony Railroad from two to two hundred, and three certificates of one share to one hundred each. The Boston Water Power Company stock is also said to have been operated on in a similar manner. The altered certificates have been used as collateral, and it is supposed that about $800,000 have been fraudulently obtained. Fifteen already heard from suffer to the extent of $100,000. The Third National Bank, in January last, loaned Coe $20,000, taking as collateral a certificate for 200 shares of the Old Colony Railroad stock, which now proves to have been raised from the genuine certificate for two shares. Coe, who was formerly connected with the house of J. N. Fisk, is about 35 years of age, and has heretofore sustained an enviable reputation. He is one of the best known men on the street, and is a member of the Brokers' Board.

NEW YORK.

Stokes' Counsel Obtains a Writ of Error—Nixon's Case—Sale of a Portion of Tweed's Property—City Railway Statistics.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, May 14.—The statistics of the city street railways show that, in the aggregate, the cars move 350,000 persons every day in the year, and employ 5,000 men and 9,000 horses. Some of the roads made large profits, while others do not pay at all, or are worked with small profits. The average dividend of the Sixth Avenue Line for 20 years has been only 8 6-10 per cent. The Third Avenue Railroad is the most profitable of all, and has lately paid dividends of 12 per cent upon its stock. The Fourth Avenue road has never been profitable, but while the Seventh Avenue & University Place line has only paid 3 per cent upon a valuation of $8,000,000, its property is not really worth more than $1,500,000.

It is reported that Jay Gould has offered to give $10,000 for the prosecution of the widow of his nephew and William Rogers, in Cincinnati, should it be shown, by examination that they administered poison to him, as Jay Gould seems to believe.

It is reported that a movement is in progress here among the merchants to receive money for Capt. Charles F. Hall. It is probable that at least $12,000 to $15,000 will be subscribed at once. A Washington private dispatch says Congress at the next session will make an appropriation to Hall's family, if it be necessary.

[To the Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, May 14.—Philip Strauss, of 685 Lexington avenue, shot himself dead in his house yesterday. A few years ago his father left him $75,000, all of which was lost in unlucky business ventures and stock speculations.

STOKES.

The Supreme Court, General Term, to-day granted a writ of error in the case of Edward S. Stokes, upon stipulation by the defense to take the case at once to the State Court of Appeals, now in session.

Five of the Supreme Court Judges and the Judge of the Court of Appeals have refused a stay proceedings in the case of Nixon, who is to be hanged on Friday. Gov. Dix also declines to interfere on the ground that the Judges have refused; also that the murder of Pfeiffer was cruel, unprovoked and perfectly unjustifiable, and did not admit of any palliative features. Nixon's counsel will go to the remainder of the thirty-two Supreme Court Judges, or such of them as he can reach before the sentence is carried into execution.

Later.—Mr. Howe, counsel for Nixon, obtained a writ of error from Judge Pancher, and application was made to Judges Ingraham and Davis in the Supreme Court, general term, for a stay of proceedings. The question was argued, and the Court reserved its decision.

The New York Central & Hudson River Railroad, yesterday, paid to United States Collector Bailey $421,000, the balance of the tax on the scrip dividend, together with $230 penalty.

The Court of Appeas has sustained the decision of the New York Surrogate that the United States cannot accept bequests of real estate, the case in issue being the will of Charles Fox giving half a million to the Government to help pay the National debt.

The Semi-annual Convention of Railroad Superintendents of the Southern roads, known as the Railroad Association of America met at the St. Nicholas to-day. President Allen said their object was to secure rapid and cheap transportation with fair remuneration for those employed by railroad companies. Low rates must prevail, but at the same time transportation must increase, and improvements be made in machinery with an approximation to double track of steel rails. Several reports were made by committees, which were discussed and laid over.

Thy proceeds of the sale of Tweed's property to-day amounted to $483,500. The cost of the property to Tweed was $635,000.

The Trustees sale of Walter Roche's property for the benefit of the Lake Guardian Savings Bank occurred to-day, realizing $97,000.

The entire batch of $75,000 of the new penny postal cards was sold yesterday before 4 o'clock, and to-day the demand is still very great and general, another batch having been received during the night. The Postmaster has made a requisition on the Department for a batch of 1,000,000, as various firms have applied for cards by thousands. The majority of those put in the mail yesterday bore on the message side an advertisement. With this exception the cards are mostly employed as a medium for joking messages.

THE PRESBYTERIANS.

Three General Assemblies to Meet To-Day—Programme of the Northern Assembly, to Meet in Baltimore.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 14.—To-morrow three Presbyterian General Assemblies will be organized in different sections of the country, the Assembly of the Northern Church in this city, the Southern Assembly in Little Rock, Ark., and the Cumberland Presbyterian in Huntsville, Ala. Besides these there is the Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, which convenes in Philadelphia on May 28. Each of the Assemblies is distinct from, and in some measure antagonistic to, the other three. The Northern Assembly is much larger and more influential than the others combined, being the highest judiciary of a Church whose membership is not far from 500,000, and whose contributions for benevolent objects amounted last year to more than $10,000,000. Arrangements for the meeting of this body have been perfected by local committees, and already more than 100 delegates have arrived. This number will be increased to 575 or 600 by to-morrow evening. All members of the Assembly are considered guests of the Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, and as such are assigned to private houses or hotels, and their bills are paid from the general fund.

The Assembly will meet in the Central Presbyterian Church, an exceedingly plain building, erected eighteen years ago, by Dr. Stuart Robinson, now of Louisville, and a leading man in the Southern Church. The house will afford seats for 1,200 persons on the main floor, and for 300 more in the galleries. The pews are low, heavy, and suggestive of the backache. There is little decoration or embellishment about the building, and the whole is a striking contrast to the Fort Street Church, Detroit, in which the Assembly met last year.

The order of exercises and the appointment of committees, are, of course, matters of conjecture. It is only certain the Assembly will be called to order at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning by Dr. J. Nicolls, of St. Louis, the retiring Moderator, who will preach the opening sermon. His theme will be the "Apostle's Prayer," offered in the 17th Chapter of Luke: "And the Apostles said unto the Lord, 'increase our faith.'" At the close of the sermon a Moderator will be chosen, as this is the highest office in the gift of the Church, and as it has never yet been and probably never will be held twice by one clergyman, great interest attaches to the election. The candidates thus far named are Dr. Henry Darling, of Albany, N. Y.; Dr. Howard Crosby, of New York City; Dr. Jas. Eells, of Cleveland, O.; and Dr. Herrick Johnson, of Philadelphia. The choice virtually lies between Lr. Darling and Dr. Crosby, with the chances in favor of the former. Dr. Eells, it is thought, is physically too weak a man for the position, while Dr. Johnson is too young and comes from Philadelphia, which had the Moderator two years ago.

When the election has taken place, the Assembly will perfect its organization, and then adjourn to allow the new Moderator an opportunity to appoint the permanent committees.

In the evening a communion service will be held, contrary to the customary arrangement, in accordance with which the Assembly communion has not occurred until the first Sunday of the session or thereafter.

This evening there is a prayer-meeting in the Central Church, led by A. T. Pierson, of Detroit, and Cyrus Dickson, of New York. Many delegates are in attendance.

Ocean Steamship News.

LIVERPOOL, May 14.—Steamships Austrian, from Portland, and Mosel, from New York, arrived out.

NEW YORK, May 14.—Arrived—Steamship Holsatia, from Hamburg.

QUEENSTOWN, May 14.—Arrived—Steamship Greece, from New York.

NEW YORK, May 14.—Arrived—Steamer Russia, from Liverpool.

Death of a Valuable Horse.

PEORIA, Ill., May 14.—This evening St. John, one of Colonel Dowdall's matched bays, died of colic. St. John was a thorough-bred, and could step with his mate easily in three minutes. Twelve hundred dollars had been offered for him. Two thousand would not have purchased him.

ST. LOUIS.

The Congressional Conference—List of Congressional and Other Delegates Present—Resolutions Prepared by the St. Louis Merchants' Exchange.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 14.—The Congressional Conference was called to order shortly after 11 o'clock, Mayor Brown in the chair. Two or three trains which were delayed yesterday arrived last night, bringing several more members of Congress, who took seats in the Conference this morning. A letter from President Grant was read, returning thanks for the invitation and regretting that other arrangements prevent his attendance. Letters were also received from Charles Sumner and several other distinguished gentlemen, regretting their inability to be present.

The following is the substance of the resolutions presented by Capt. James B. Eads, as expressive of the views of the Merchants' Exchange of this city, and by which body they were unanimously approved: That the Exchange declares that the deepening of the mouth of the Mississippi River is of the very first importance to the interests of the entire Valley of the Mississippi, and of great moment to the whole country. The solution of this problem, we believe, will be achieved by closing up all the inferior outlets of the river, and condensing its waters by a system of jetties to one channel. By this means a depth of at least twenty or twenty-two feet may be obtained in the south-west pass, at an outlay insignificant, when compared with the many millions that will be annually saved to the country by the work. When once accomplished, a small annual appropriation will suffice to maintain the required depth forever afterwards.

The second urges that in addition to the removal of snags, wrecks, and other obstructions from the channel, a comprehensive system of improvements looking directly to the permanent location and deepening of a channel through the shoal placed below St. Louis, be at once matured and inaugurated, and that a depth of eight feet be determined as the maximum to be accomplished at first by the proposed works. This will involve the removal of probably not more than thirty bars or shoal places between this city and New Orleans, and the removal of a few dangerous rocks above Cairo, and would result in a saving a thousand-fold greater than the original cost.

The third declares that this plan is suited for the improvement of the Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, Red, Ohio, Tennessee, Cumberland, and many other important streams in this valley, on each of which it should be applied on a scale commensurate with the volume of the river and the demands of the commerce.

The fourth declares that the improvement of the upper and lower rapids of the Mississippi should be vigorously prosecuted until the navigation of those parts of the river are made safe and convenient, and that the improvements already commenced on all other rivers of this valley should be energetically prosecuted to completion.

The sixth directs that every practicable water route to the Gulf, to the Atlantic Ocean, or to the great lakes, which can be opened and made safe and convenient at a reasonable cost when compared with the benefits to result from it in lessening the expense of transporting the produce of this valley to the various markets, should meet with favor from the General Government, and receive the unanimous support of every representative of this Valley in Congress.

The seventh declares that the vast commerce depending upon the Mississippi River for cheap transportation demands that no artificial obstruction be permitted in its channel except upon the most urgent necessity, and that no bridge should be authorized across it below St. Louis, which shall not give the stream of less width than 500 feet, and a clear height of 75 above high water mark should be preserved under the center of the channel-spans of such bridge.

The eighth suggests that in consequence of the breaking down of several iron bridges within the past few years, involving much loss of life, all bridges hereafter built on an important railroad route, should be examined into by a competent commission, whose duties and powers should be defined by Congress, and without whose examination and approval no plans for such proposed bridges should be adopted.

The ninth asks that the navigation of our great water highways should be relieved of the dangers and delays to which it is subjected by the many badly constructed railroad bridges on the Mississippi River, by requiring them to be so modified as to lessen the number of accidents constantly occurring to river craft by collision with their piers, and that a general Bridge law be passed by Congress, which shall define the length and height of their spans and general control of the location and construction of such bridges in a manner to prevent unnecessary injury to the navigation of said rivers.

Eleventh—That the interests of this valley imperatively demand the most economical means of transportation to and from the foreign markets of the world, and the safest and most durable class of steamers, barges, etc., for its inland water service, and that it should be the duty of each representative of the Valley in Congress to labor for the removal of every artificial impediment which interferes with such cheap ocean transportation, or which prevents the adoption of such safe and durable vessels for its inland navigation.

Thirteenth—That we emphatically declare that the Revenue laws should be so amended as to permit shipmasters to purchase ships wherever they can be most cheaply procured.

Fourteenth—That we emphatically declare that the Revenue law which forbids registry to the ship of an American citizen, simply because she was built in a foreign land, and thus compels him to float the flag of another nation over his property, is a burdensome imposition upon the people of this Valley, and is a policy only worthy of a past age.

The fifteenth refers to the fact that every civilized nation except our own uses iron hulls for vessels, and asks Congress to ascertain the cause of this, and apply the remedy.

The sixteenth asks that the laws be so amended as to restore the prestige of the American commercial marine, and enable it to do its share of the carrying trade of the world, and that, if it is necessary that American iron-masters must be shielded from foreign competition by laws which effectually interdict iron steamers on the rivers of this valley, which drive its products into English and German ships on the ocean, there should be some substitute Government encouragement given to the construction of iron vessels and such Federal patronage as will sustain American steamship lines against this unequal competition, and thus lift our once great merchant marine from its disgraceful inferiority, and keep the lives and property of our people from being longer imperilled in wooden ships and floating tinder-boxes.

Ex-Senator John R. Henderson was introduced and delivered a lengthy speech, in which he discussed the causes which have brought about the great and imperative demand for increased transit facilities, and which led to the controversy now existing between stockholders and bondholders of railroads on the one side and producers and consumers on the other. He explained under what circumstances many of the railroads were built, the great cost of construction, extravagant management, etc., and said the railroad companies must necessarily pay their running expenses and meet the interests on their bonds or go into bankruptcy. They also struggle to pay dividends to their stockholders. To do this their managers insist that they cannot afford to lessen the prices of transportation. He said Congress would soon have to meet these questions, and to treat them impartially would be the part of wise statesmanship. He deprecated the fixing of arbitrary schedules, in disregard of business experience, and the abolition of all competition in rates, under the plan of abolishing distinctions between competing and non-competing points, &c. There is no doubt, he said, that the roads in many instances have violated their charters and usurped privileges not granted by law. Wherever this be the case, legislative and judicial authority must correct the evil. It is well that the controversy has begun. It will attract public attention, and furnish a subject for the contemplation of the statesman far more practical and ennobling than the threadbare issues of the late war. It looks to the material interests of the people, and will inevitably bring in other important questions of political economy. The want of the hour, he said, is transportation. The railroads now constructed cannot furnish sufficient facilities; but by a foolish war on railroads and the owners of railroads, we drive capital into other channels, and shall have aggravated instead of mitigated the railroad troubles.

He then spoke of the Mississippi River as an avenue of communication, and said the Government, by expending one-twentieth of the money it has invested in Western railroads, could furnish a depth of water sufficient to carry to the seaboard the increasing products at one-fourth the present cost. When I speak of the country I mean the East and West, the North and South. He also advocated the improvement of the tributaries of the Mississippi River, and said the streams east and west of the Alleghanies should be connected by canals, and mentioned the James River & Kanawaha Canal, the projected canal in Alabama and Georgia, and the enlargement of the canal between Lake Michigan and the Illinois River, the Niagara Canal, and other enterprises of a similar character. In all these prospects the East and West are no less interested than the South.

He then gave a history of the rise and fall of our national marine, and urged that some measures should be devised to restore it to its former eminence. He thought, however, that, before our commerce can be restored, the tariff and currency systems would have to be revised, but he declined to discuss these questions. He advocated the construction of three iron ship-building yards, one on the Atlantic, another on the Mississippi River, and a third on the Pacific coast, for the construction of Government vessels and ships for private individuals. He then gave a history of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads, and showed how they had violated their pledges and law in discriminating against the Kansas Pacific, which is a branch road, and under the law should be operated as part of the main line.

Judge Reynard, of New Orleans, then spoke of the obstructions at the mouth of the Mississippi River, showing, in a conclusive manner, what great injury these are to the commerce of the valley and country, and how the evil can be remedied by the construction of St. Philips Canal, the feasibility of which is unquestioned.

In the Convention to-day the Congressional roll was called, with a view to ascertaining what members were present, and the following answered to their names:

Alabama—Senator George E. Spencer; Congressmen P. G. Bromberg, Charles H. Pelham, John H. Caldwell.

Arkansas—Congressman W. G. Hynes.

Georgia—Senator Thomas M. Norwood; Congressmen James H. Blount, P. M. B. Young.

Illinois—Congressmen James D. Ward, Charles B. Farwell, H. C. Burchard, Franklin Corwin, G. L. Fort, M. Barrere, William H. Ray, R. M. Knapp, James C. Robinson, John McNulta, J. G. Cannon, J. S. Martin, W. B. Morrison, Isaac Clements.

Indiana—Congressmen W. E. Niblack, S. K. Wolfe, J. M. Wilson, Jno. Coburn, Thomas J. Cason, J. N. Tyner, Jasper Packard, G. S. Orth.

Iowa—Congressmen G. W. McCrary, A. R. Cotton, W. G. Donnan, H. O. Pratt, Wm. Loughridge, Jno. A. Kasson, Jackson Orr.

Kansas—Senator John J. Ingalls; Congressmen D. P. Lowe, S. A. Cobb.

Kentucky—Congressmen E. Crossland, C. W. Milliken, Jno. D. Young.

Louisiana—Senator J. R. West; Congressmen J. H. Sypher, L. A. Sheldon, C. B. Darrol.

Michigan—Congressmen M. W. Field, George Willard, J. W. Begole, O. D. Conger, N. B. Bradley, J. A. Huddel.

Minnesota—Senator Alexander Ramsey.

Mississippi—Congressmen Jas. O'Neil, George C. McKee, Jas. R. Lynch (colored).

Missouri—Senator Lewis V. Bogy; Congressmen E. O. Stanard, Erastus Wells, W. H. Stone, R. A. Hatcher, B. P. Bland, H. E. Havens, T. T. Crittenden, A. Comings, J. C. Parker, John M. Glover.

New Hampshire—Congressman W. B. Small.

New Jersey—Congressman J. A. Hazleton, Amos Clarke, M. L. Ward.

New York—Congressman David Wilbur.

Ohio—Congressmen Milton Sayler, L. B. Gunckle, C. S. Lamison, L. T. Neal, William Lawrence, John Berry.

Pennsylvania—Congressman James D. Strawbridge.

Tennessee—Senator Henry Cooper; Congressmen William Crutchfield, W. C. Whitehorn.

Texas—Senator J. W. Flannagan; Congressmen D. O. Giddings, A. H. Willis.

Virginia—Congressmen J. B. Sener, John A. Smith, A. M. Davis, Thomas Whitehead, John T. Harris.

Wisconsin—Congressmen C. G. Williams, G. W. Hazelton, J. A. Barber, C. A. Eldridge, J. M. Buck, A. R. Shiell.

There are present Gov. Woodson, of Missouri; Gov. Noyes, of Ohio; Gov. Walker, of Virginia; Gov. Osborne, of Kansas; and Gov. Austin, of Minnesota.

To-morrow the session will be given up to general discussion, and various gentlemen are expected to express their views upon questions which have been presented to them.

The excursion to Texas will leave on Friday morning early, via the Atlantic and Pacific Road, stop at Springfield over night, and receive the hospitalities of the citizens, thence proceed next morning to Venita, and thence to Denison, Houston, and Galveston. The excursionists will number about 150, and will be under the charge of P. W. Dwyer, of the Atlantic & Pacific Road.

OMAHA.

State Sunday School Convention—Troops for the Protection of Frontier Settlers—An Accused Clergyman Seeks an Investigation—Railroad Excursionists.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OMAHA, May 14.—The date for the assembling of the State Sunday School Convention which had been fixed for June 10, has been indefinitely postponed.

Brig.-Gen. Ord has issued orders for establishing military companies at different points along the frontier to protect the advance settlements. Two companies under Maj. Brisben, Second Cavalry, will be stationed on the Lop River, near Costerville, Neb.

The Nebraska Press Association meet in this city the 20th inst.

A letter was received yesterday from the Rev. Mr. Ruby, who was charged recently with having eloped from this city with a married lady, who was a member of his congregation. The letter was dated Cleveland, Ohio. Ruby denies the truth of the charges made against him, and says he will start for Chicago immediately, where he will secure a strict investigation.

Forty Chinamen arrived here last evening from Texas, where they have been employed on the Texas Pacific Railroad. They intend to make this their home.

A shoemaker named Landsman has been missing since Saturday last, and suspicions of foul play are entertained.

A portion of the Hayden Exploring Party passed through the city to-day en route to Colorado.

An excursion party consisting of Speaker Blaine, Horace F. Clark, John Duff, Augustus Schell, of New York, and other prominent railroad officials will arrive in this city to-morrow from the East.

Convention of Railway Master Mechanics.

BALTIMORE, May 14.—The Convention of Railway Master Mechanics reassembled this morning. The report of the Committee on comparative values of anthracite and bituminous coal and wood for generating steam in locomotive boilers was received. The report of the Committee on the construction, operation, and costs of maintaining continuous train-brakes came up, and no one wished to discuss it. The report of the Committee on relative cost of operating roads of gauges 3 feet 6 inches or less, and those of the ordinary 4 feet 8½-6 inch gauge was called up, but there was no report. Adjourned until evening.

BALTIMORE, May 14.—At the evening session of the Master Mechanics' Association, the report of the Committee on the efficiency of check or safety-chains on engine, tender, or car-trucks was read. They recommend chains, and a resolution was unanimously adopted as the sense of the Convention that a safety-chain should be affixed to all engines, tenders, and cars.

The report of the Committee on Printing was read and adopted.

The report on anti-friction valves was read and filed.

Adjourned till to-morrow.

The Labor Question.

NEW YORK, May 14.—The workers on ladies' boots in this city propose to strike should they not get an increase of 25 cents a pair.

NEW YORK, May 14.—The strike of the Brooklyn gasmen still continues, and, notwithstanding the utmost efforts, the Company are unable to furnish gas enough to light the street-lamps in their district, which covers the richest and most populous part of the city. Last night the men held a meeting, and a number of addresses were delivered, the purport of which was that the men were willing to go back and work at New York rates, provided they got the same privileges as the New York workmen have.

QUEBEC, May 14.—All the stevedores and hatchway men struck to-day for higher wages. The streets were thronged with them, and an exciting time is expected.

A dispatch from Pasebais says the bay is full of ice, and a heavy snow-storm prevails.

NEW YORK, May 14.—The strike of the Brooklyn gas men has ended. The companies agree to pay the strikers the same wages as are given in New York, and they will return to work.

The horseshoers' strike in Brooklyn is at an end, the employers having conceded the demands of the men.

The Cedar Rapids Murder Mystery.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, May 14.—At Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to-day, the evidence given concerning the murder of Mrs. Frank Maguna, fails to develop any new light as to who the assassin was, or what his motive for committing the deed was. Not the least trace of evidence can be found. The evidence before the Coroner's jury shown the home of this fearful tragedy to be one of domestic peace and happiness. Mr. Maguna testifies that when he awoke a man was standing on the corner of the bed, and he asked what was wanted. The only reply was a shot, striking his wife back of the ear and killing her instantly. He says his wife was on the front side of the bed. Do not know how she was lying at the time she awoke. Do not know whether it was a pistol or a gun. Says he has had no trouble with any man in America but one, named Joseph Sunkets, but has long since settled the difficulty. Saw the man, but through the smoke. I could not tell if he was a large or a small man. It seems from Maguna's testimony that it would be impossible that his wife could be shot in the position in which she was lying unless she raised her head when the shot was fired. The whole thing is still wrapped in mystery, and will be for several days yet. The Coroner's jury adjourned until Saturday.

MADISON.

Land-Grant Decision—Correction—Personal.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., May 14.—Gov. Washburn having asked of the Attorney-General of Wisconsin a re-examination of the claims of the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company to land, in view of the recent opinion of the United States Attorney-General, he has given an elaborate opinion, to the effect that the Company was not entitled to the Governor's certificate for constructing sections of the land-grant road unless it complied with the conditions of the grant by building from Portage to Stevens Point, clearly showing that no other construction is consistent with the history and manifest purpose of legislation on the subject.

Up to this evening the Governor has received no such notice of the rejection of the St. Croix & Superior land-grant by the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company, as it was stated in a pretended dispatch, never sent from here, to the Milwaukee *News*. It is believed that the *News'* statement was inspired by the St. Paul managers, however, and it is calling out some very severe comments of the press and public men.

Two or three suspended sophomores of the State University having been ordered out of the rooms of the University buildings, which they had continued to occupy, various scholastic demonstrations of displeasure were made by sympathizing students last night.

Gov. Washburn expects to accept the invitation to attend the Chicago rebuilding jubilee.

SPRINGFIELD.

Changes in the School Law of Illinois—A Wager Adjudicated—Acting-Governor Early.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 14.—The Hon. Newton Bateman, in a circular-letter states, the changes made in the School law by the last General Assembly to be: 1. From and after July 1, 1873, any woman, married or single, of the age of 21 years and upwards, and passing the qualifications prescribed for men, will be eligible to any office under the General or Special School laws of this State. 2. The 2-mill State school tax is superseded by a direct appropriation of the specific sum of $1,000,000 annually, as a State fund for school purposes, to be raised by a general tax with other State revenues.

It will be remembered that those dispatches noted some time since that Hon. Charles Rice, of this city, had brought suit against Samuel Jones, also of this city, to recover $50, which he had as stake-holder, in a bet, wherein Mr. Rice wagered that the Democrats would carry Indiana. Rice claimed the money on the election of Hendricks, and he obtained judgment before Judge McClernand for the amount of the stakes.

Senator Early reached here this morning, and entered upon the discharge of his duties as Acting Governor. He signed a number of official papers to-day, and otherwise demeaned himself as a Governor should.

DETROIT.

Election Returns—Murder Trial.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, Mich., May 14.—The official canvass of Lansing to-day gives Christiancy, for Chief Justice, 140,784, with 86 scattering, including 1 for Mrs. Goodsell; for Regents of the University, Edward C. Walker, 88,400; Andrew Climie, 88,771; Duane Doty, 82,082; Andrew M. Fitch, 44,439. There were 706 misprinted tickets for Walker, 50 for Doty, 4,268 for Climie, and 6,461 for Fitch. There were 1,217 for the Temperance candidate, and 44 scattering. In addition there were 3,217 for the Temperance candidate, and 44 scattering.

In the Wayne Circuit Court this morning, the trial of Ella Fesdick, Rachel Barlow, and Ida Barlow, of Sumpter, charged with murder, was commenced. On Nov. 15, Mrs. Fesdick gave birth to a child, which it is alleged was subsequently strangled by the defendants.

LA SALLE.

Burglars at Work.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LASALLE, May 14.—The residence of Thomas Graham, a laborer of this city, was secretly entered yesterday afternoon, and robbed of $700, which he had hidden under a trunk. Mrs. G. and a neighboring lady were in another part of the house when the robbery was committed.

The residence of D. B. Fox, a tobacconist of this city, was burglariously entered last night, and a valuable silver watch carried off. A gold watch hanging near the silver watch, belonging to Mrs. Fox, escaped the notice of the thief.

Fatal Boiler Explosion at South Bend.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., May 14.—A small stationary engine boiler, used to run the blast for E. J. Beech's foundry, exploded this afternoon at 5 o'clock, the boiler being carried into the air and some forty feet to the south, dropping through the foundry roof, killing instantly Louis Cazad, who was engaged in filling the cupola, and breaking a leg of Truman Buck, a lad of about 15 years. The engine was torn from the boiler, and hurled over buildings about 250 feet, a piece going about 500 feet, and through a window of the Birdsell Manufacturing Company. The boiler had no steam-gauge on, and no knowledge of the amount of steam at the time is had.

Fires.

AYLMER, Canada, May 14.—A fire to-day destroyed the O'Reilly Hotel, Hodgin's variety store and Hall's hotel. Loss, $50,000.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

IOWA CITY, Ia., May 14.—About 10 o'clock last evening James Berry's residence, in the southern part of the town, took fire. Berry and family were in bed, and had a very narrow escape from being burned alive. Nothing was saved but one trunk. Partially insured.

John Miller's stove and tin store caught fire at 6:30 this evening, and but for timely discovery would have caused a large fire, as it is situated in a frame row.

Death of a Duelist.

RICHMOND, Va., May 14.—John B. Mordecai, one of the principals in the late duel, died to-night in great agony. The State law holds McCarty, the other principal, amenable for murder in the first degree, and the seconds, William L. Bohall, W. B. Tabb, W. B. Trigg, and J. S. Meredith as accessories before the fact. They will all be rearrested, and probably committed without bail, the crime being a capital one.

Reduction of Towing Rates on the Illinois and Michigan Canal.

LASALLE, Ill., May 14.—Illinois River and Illinois and Michigan Canal men will be pleased to learn that the towing firm of Bronson & Co., commonly known as the Big Line, have reduced the price of towing from LaSalle to Bridgeport from $35 to $26.

Murder and Suicide in McHenry County.

ELGIN, Ill., May 14.—Robert Harrison, aged 70, a farmer living three miles west of Ringwood, McHenry County, on Sunday morning cut his wife's throat, and also his own, both being found dead by the neighbors on Monday. He made his will. Domestic troubles were the cause.

Vessels Passed Detroit.

DETROIT, Mich., May 14.—PASSED DOWN—Props New York, Mary Jarecki and barge, Mayflower and barge and Champion; barks S. V. R. Watson, and Orvaline; schrs Lizzy Carr, Jones, Dunworth, York State, Avery, Tempest, W. F. Allen, Carrier, Northwest, C. F. Winch, Cameron, Nevada, and Gerrit Smith.

PASSED UP.—Props Castile, Fields, Winslow, Fayette, and St. Clair; schr Schuylkill.

WIND—Northwest.

Sporting Matters.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

TORONTO, May 14.—Forty of the best marksmen in Ontario commence a competition for the selection to the Canadian team for the Wimbledon Dutchess, at the Garrison Commons, to-day. The firing will continue three days, thirty shot per day, at 200, 500, and 600 yards. The best fifteen aggregate scores will go to Ottawa, and meet an equal number from each of the other provinces, and the best twenty of these will constitute the teams. The Canadian team has now won the imperial challenge cup in competing with the riflemen of Great Britain, India, and the British Colonies.

PHILADELPHIA, May 14.—The Philadelphia Base-Ball Club to-day defeated the Athletics in 13 innings, by a score of 5 to 4.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Base Ball: Mutuals, 6; Washingtons, 2.

AT IT AGAIN.

A German named Franz Dorre, a painter by trade, who recently immigrated to Chicago, from his fatherland, attempted to commit suicide in the saloon of Peter Mulmofer on Division street, near Sedgwick, at 11 o'clock last night, by cutting his throat with a razor. The saloon-keeper prevented him, by grasping his arm, as he was about to make the fatal gash. Dorn was somewhat intoxicated at the time. He was handed over to the police, and taken to the Larrabee Street Police Station. Cause of the attempt, no money and no work.

Burglars at Work.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PTOLEMY, Mich., May 14.—Pickpockets robbed the furniture store of a German named